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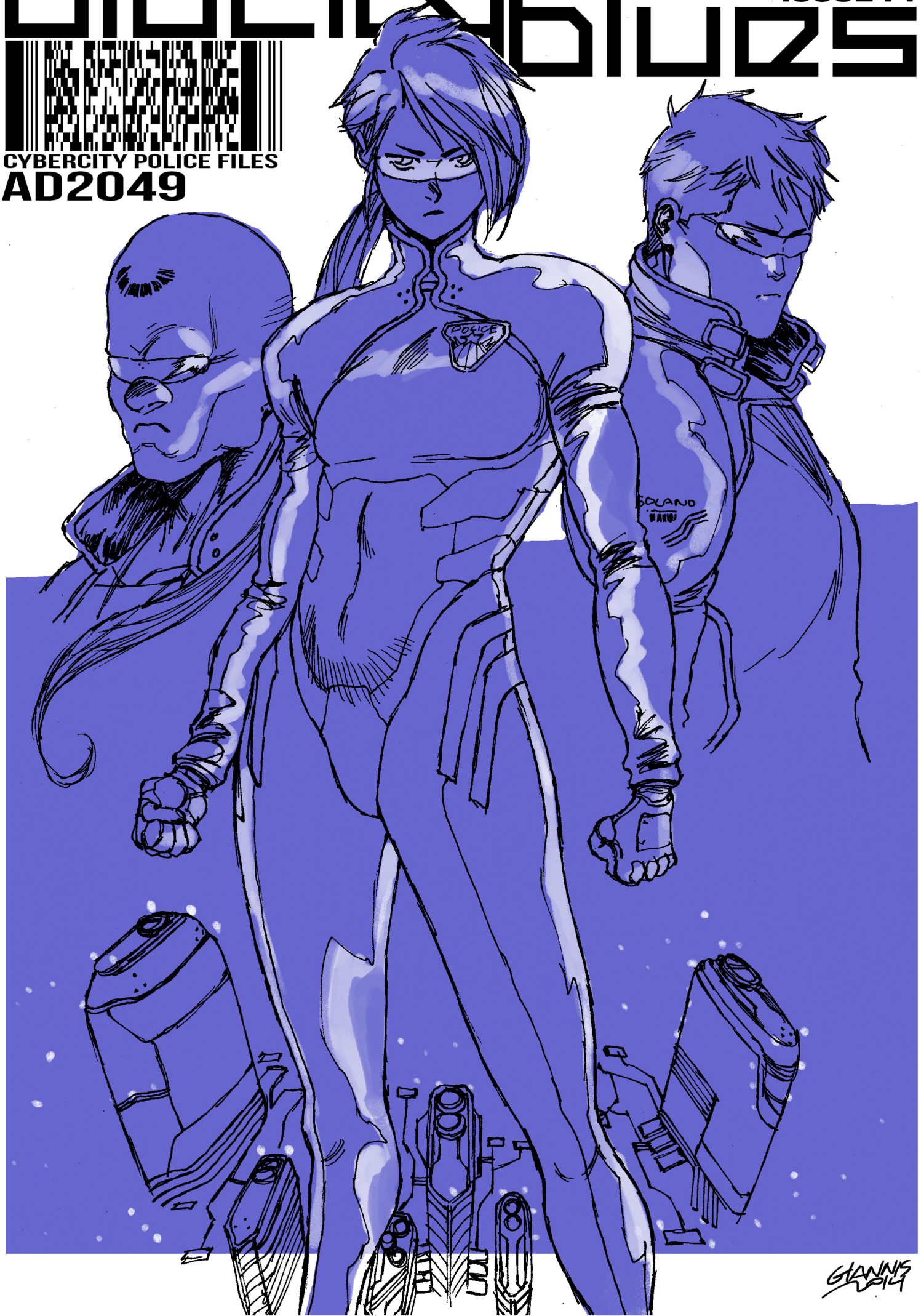

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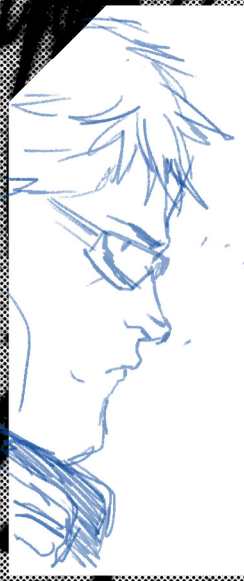

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE THE LAST OCB -- THANKS FOR BEING SO PATIENT (AS ALWAYS).
I FEEL LIKE WITH THIS ISSUE WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO WHAT I THINK OF AS THE "TRUE FORM" OF THE SERIES, SO, HOPEFULLY THE WAIT WILL BE WORTH IT.
MANY THANKS FOR READING,
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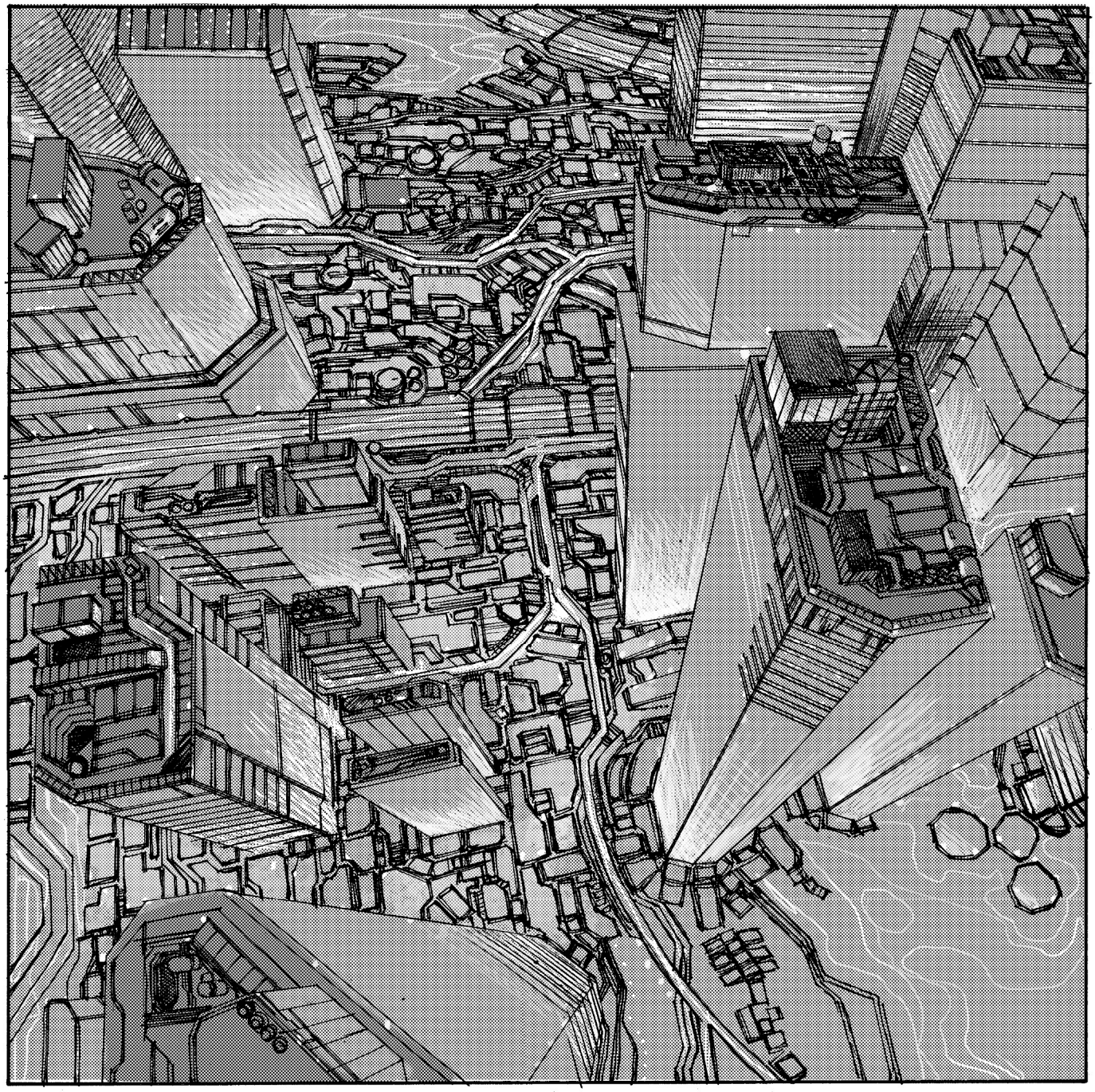
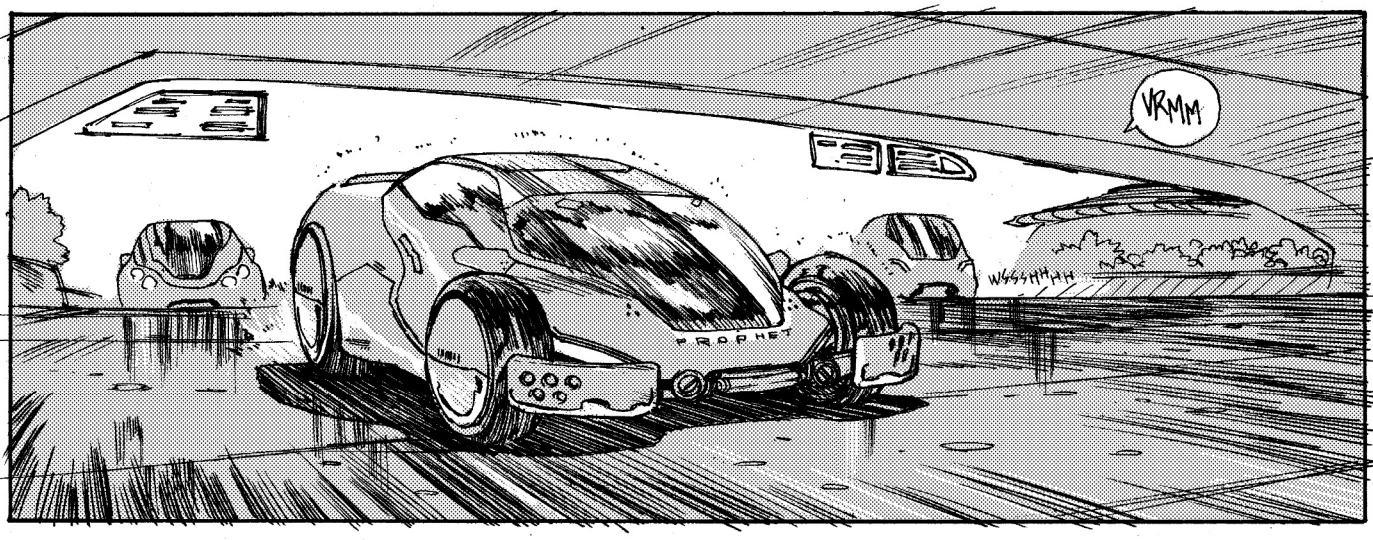
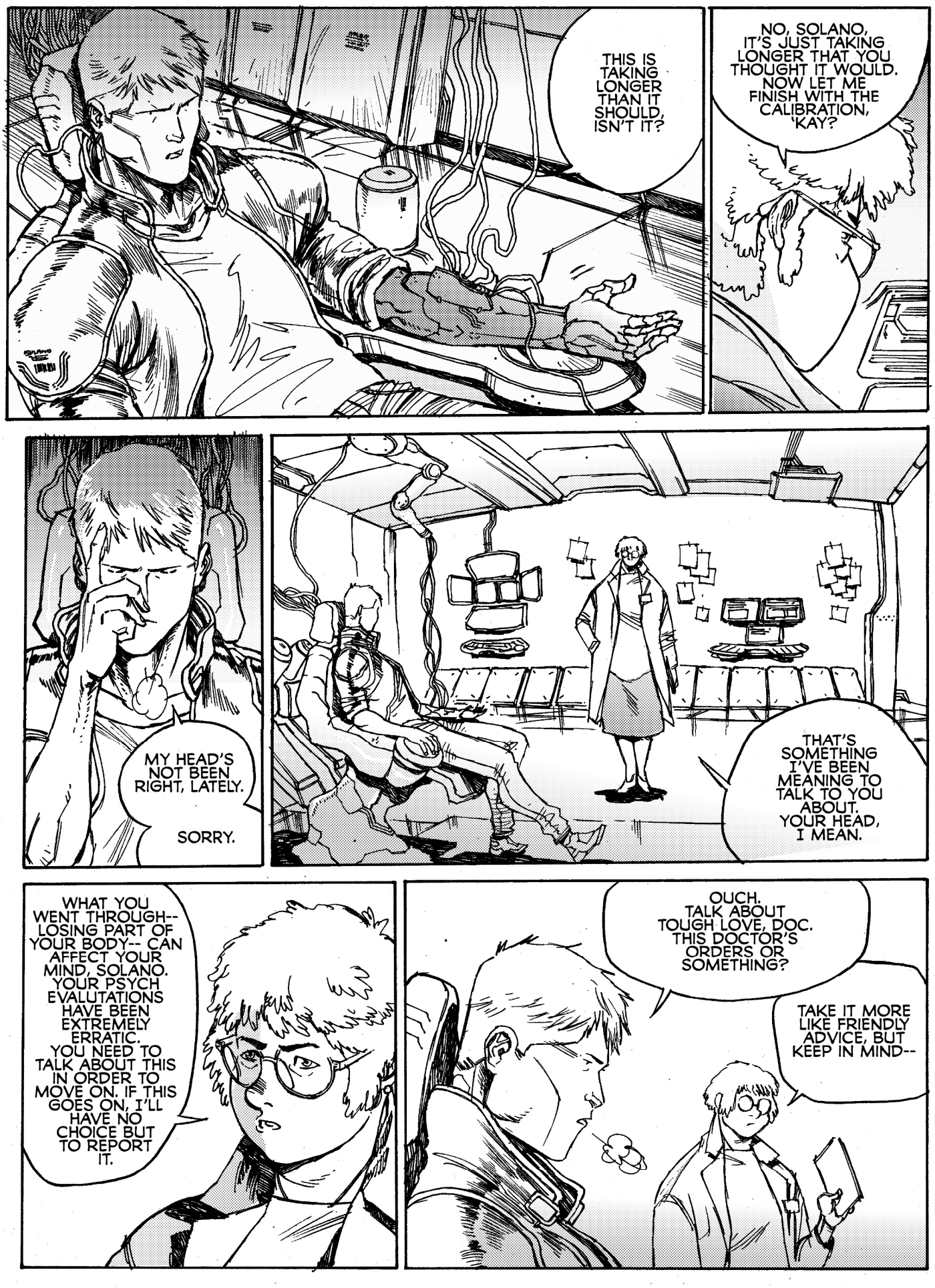



VRMM
WSSSHHHH
PROPHET

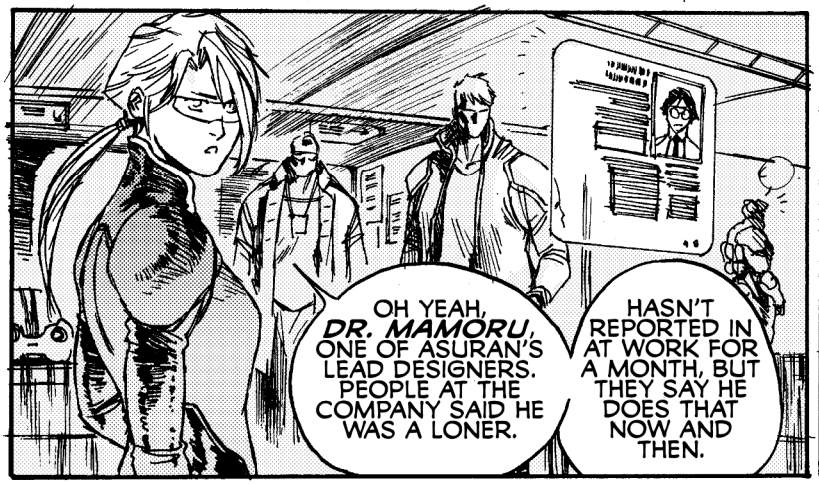
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH! ROAD'S CLOSED OFF--
?
VZZZZ
WOAH! I, UH, DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS YOU, OFFICER! GO AHEAD!
HEY, THERMIDOR-- SORRY ABOUT THAT. YOU KNOW HOW THESE NEW KIDS CAN BE...
WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE.
SO WHAT'S THE DEAL HERE?
SIGH... WHERE DO I EVEN START?
?
IT'LL PROBABLY BE EASIER IF YOU JUST SEE IT.
HERE, THIS WAY.

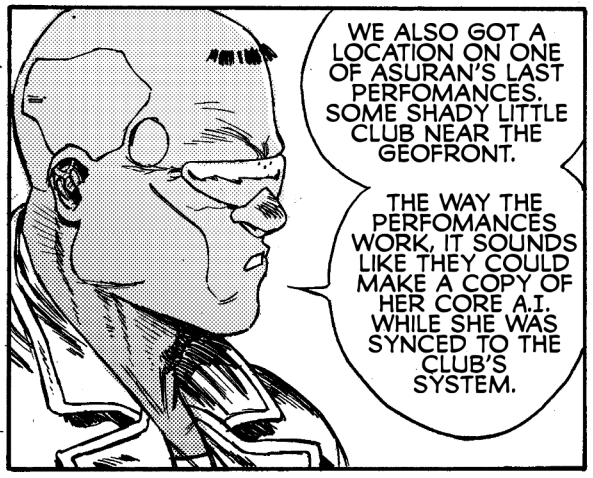
SO THIS IS IT? OR IS IT "HER"...?
I'D SOMEHOW IMAGINED A VIRTUAL IDOL LIKE ASURAN WOULD LIVE SOMEWHERE A BIT MORE... STYLISH?
THIS IS ONLY PART OF HER, TO BE PRECISE. OR WAS, I GUESS.
OK-- ASURAN'S TOTALITY CONSISTS OF VARIOUS INTER-CONNECTED A.I.'S, AND THIS ONE STOPPED WORKING TODAY, RIGHT?
YOU'VE GOT THE BASICS DOWN ALL RIGHT. AND THIS IS ONE OF HER CORE SYSTEMS.
TO PERFORM HER MUSIC, THE IDOL DRAWS RESOURCES FROM VARIOUS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS.
BUT WITH ONE PART OF THE CORE MISSING, IT ALL FALLS APART.
OK, THE THING DOESN'T WORK, I GET IT.
WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH US THOUGH? A BIG COMPANY LIKE ASURAN'S CAN EASILY FIX THIS ON THEIR OWN OR JUST REPLACE THE BROKEN PARTS...
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE-- EACH OF THE A.I.'S IS AN INDIVIDUAL, MADE UP OF CERTAIN PROGRAMMED CHARACTERISTICS, MERGED WITH THE PERSONALITIES OF ACTUAL PEOPLE. AND THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM--
THEY THINK THIS ONE WAS KIDNAPPED.


THIS IS TAKING LONGER THAN IT SHOULD, ISN'T IT?
NO, SOLANO, IT'S JUST TAKING LONGER THAT YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD. NOW LET ME FINISH WITH THE CALIBRATION, 'KAY?
MY HEAD'S NOT BEEN RIGHT, LATELY.
SORRY.
THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT. YOUR HEAD, I MEAN.
WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH-- LOSING PART OF YOUR BODY-- CAN AFFECT YOUR MIND, SOLANO. YOUR PSYCH EVALUTATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY ERRATIC. YOU NEED TO TALK ABOUT THIS IN ORDER TO MOVE ON. IF THIS GOES ON, I'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REPORT IT.
OUCH. TALK ABOUT TOUGH LOVE, DOC. THIS DOCTOR'S ORDERS OR SOMETHING?
TAKE IT MORE LIKE FRIENDLY ADVICE, BUT KEEP IN MIND--

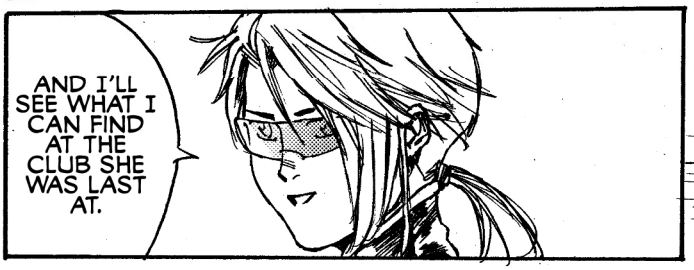
I WILL REPORT YOU IF YOU DON'T GET YOURSELF TOGETHER.
CHAK
HEY, SOLANO! STILL GETTING YOUR TUNE-UP? GOT WORK TO DO!
I'M HERE WITH KENGO FROM DIVISION ONE--
WAIT, WHO?
HEY, THAT STINGS! WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER BEFORE, DUDE!
MEET UP AT HQ IN FIFTEEN?
AND SEND OVER ANY CASE FILES YOU'VE GOT TOO...
KRAM
SCAGE
HEY!

HEY, SO--
DEFINITELY LOOKS LIKE IT. WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE CASE FILE?
POLICE ONLY
POLICE
IS THIS CASE FOR REAL...?
I THINK I GOT MOST OF IT. TELL ME ABOUT THE MISSING GUY.

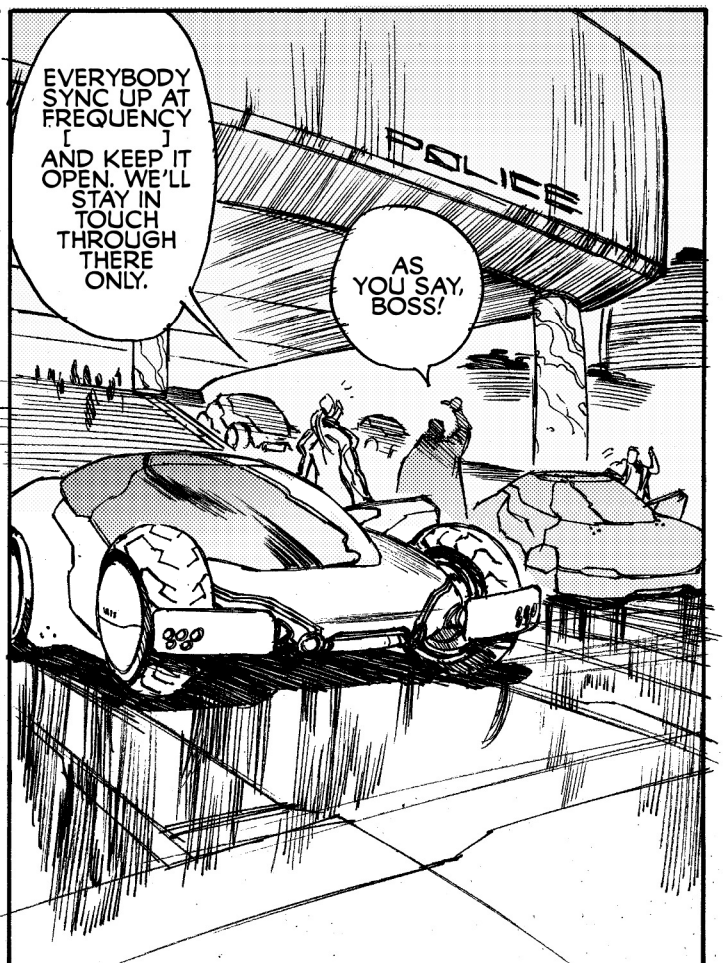

OH YEAH, DR. MAMORU, ONE OF ASURAN'S LEAD DESIGNERS. PEOPLE AT THE COMPANY SAID HE WAS A LONER.
HASN'T REPORTED IN AT WORK FOR A MONTH, BUT THEY SAY HE DOES THAT NOW AND THEN.


WE ALSO GOT A LOCATION ON ONE OF ASURAN'S LAST PERFOMANCES. SOME SHADY LITTLE CLUB NEAR THE GEOFRONT.
THE WAY THE PERFOMANCES WORK, IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY COULD MAKE A COPY OF HER CORE A.I. WHILE SHE WAS SYNCED TO THE CLUB'S SYSTEM.

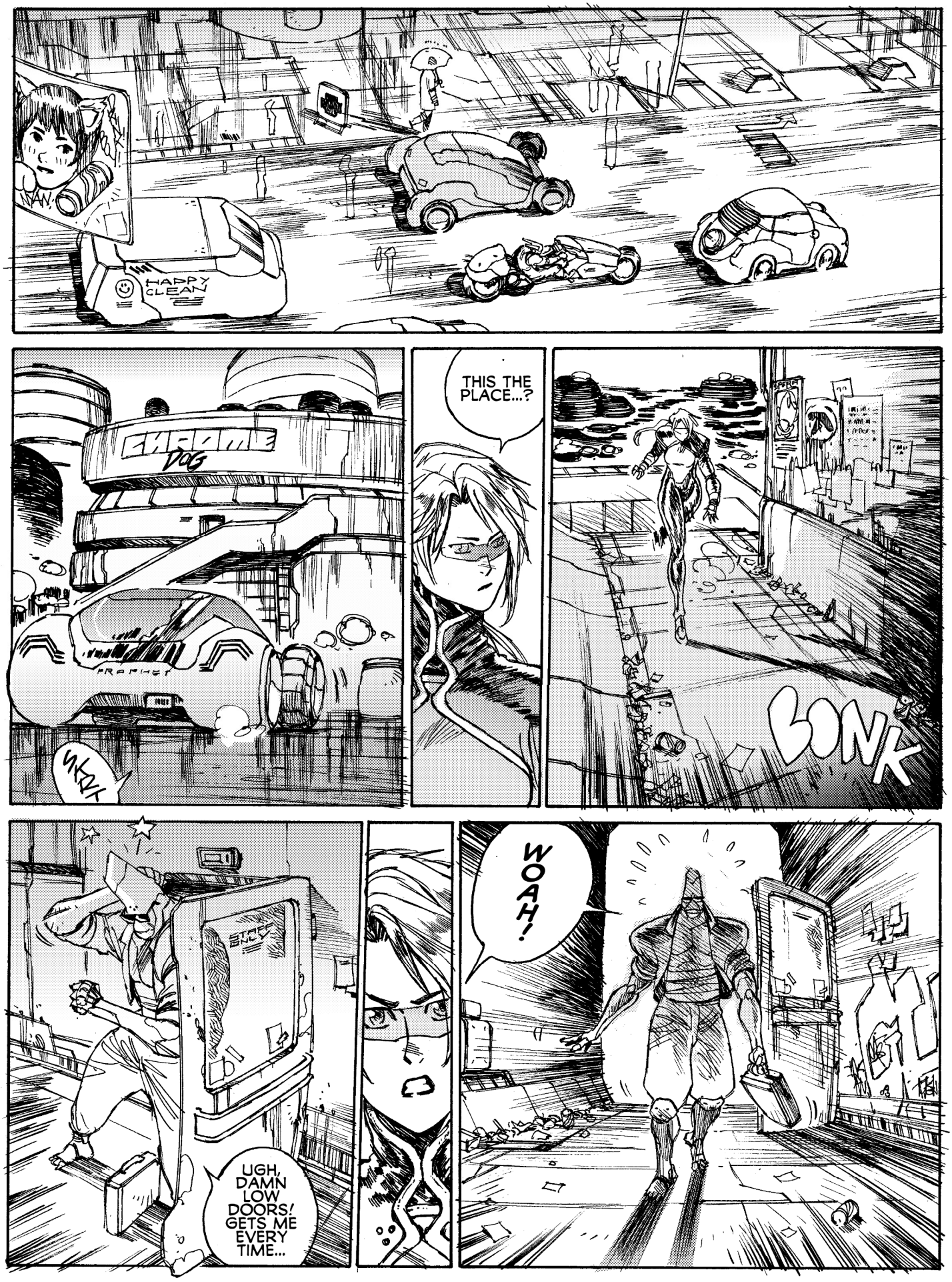
SO WE SPLIT UP AND FOLLOW ALL LEADS. I'LL GO CHECK OUT DR. MAMORU'S PLACE. KENGO, I'LL GET YOU A WARRANT FROM THE CHIEF TO CHECK OUT HIS OFFICE.


AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND AT THE CLUB SHE WAS LAST AT.

YOU GOT IT.


EVERYBODY SYNC UP AT FREQUENCY [ ] AND KEEP IT OPEN. WE'LL STAY IN TOUCH THROUGH THERE ONLY.
AS YOU SAY, BOSS!
POLICE

HEY, KENGO. YOU GOT A CAR? NEED A RIDE?
NAH, MY RIDE SHOULD BE HERE ANY SECON--
YO BOSS!
VRAWM
WOAH!
SKREEECHH
YO YO YO!
WHAT DID WE SAY ABOUT *RESPONSIBLE DRIVING*, ***JESSICA***? I THOUGHT WE'D BEEN OVER THIS!
...
HEH HEH
EVERY-THING'S UNDER CONTROL!
MOVE IT!
IT'S INVESTIGATIN' TIME!
JESSICA, WHAT DID I JUST SAY!?
BRMM
WHY DON'T WE GET ROBOT PARTNERS ...?
INDUS


HAPPY CLEAN
DOG
PROPHET
SKRT
THIS THE PLACE...?
BONK
UGH, DAMN LOW DOORS! GETS ME EVERY TIME...
WOAH!

...
DEET
DEET
NAGANO BATTLE CYBORG TYPE88 DETECTED. ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS PRESENT.
SUBJECT IS CARRYING CLOSE-RANGE PERSONAL FIREARM. APPROACH WITH CAUTION.
HEY, BUDDY-- I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A PIECE, SO DON'T EVEN TRY REACHING FOR IT.
WHU-- YOU SCANNED ME!?
I FEEL SO NAKED!
I'M GUESSING YOU AIN'T JUST GONNA LET ME WALK, ARE YA?
GOOD GUESS.
SKRT

Cars?
FWASH!
HA! HWAK!
BOSH!
WAIT!
I'M OUTTA HERE!
SO YOU WANNA CHASE, HUH?

TOKYO
DRINK
META
LEVEL 5
DANG, THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL.
PARKING
LOOKED TOO TOUGH TO BE A NORMAL COP...
EAST 99
CUSTOMERS ONLY
WIN
GOTTA KEEP THEM EYES OPEN, BALTIC!
HEY, BOYS, QUARRY'S HEADING FOR THE GEOFRONT, CARRYING A HEAVY-LOOKING BRIEF-CASE.
SOMEONE STAY ON HIS TAIL WHILE I CATCH UP.
I CAN'T DO IT--I'M ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CITY NEAR MAMORU'S PLACE. KENGO?
YEAH, I GOT IT. MAMORU'S OFFICE WAS A DEAD-END BUT IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE GEOFRONT. I'M ON HIM.

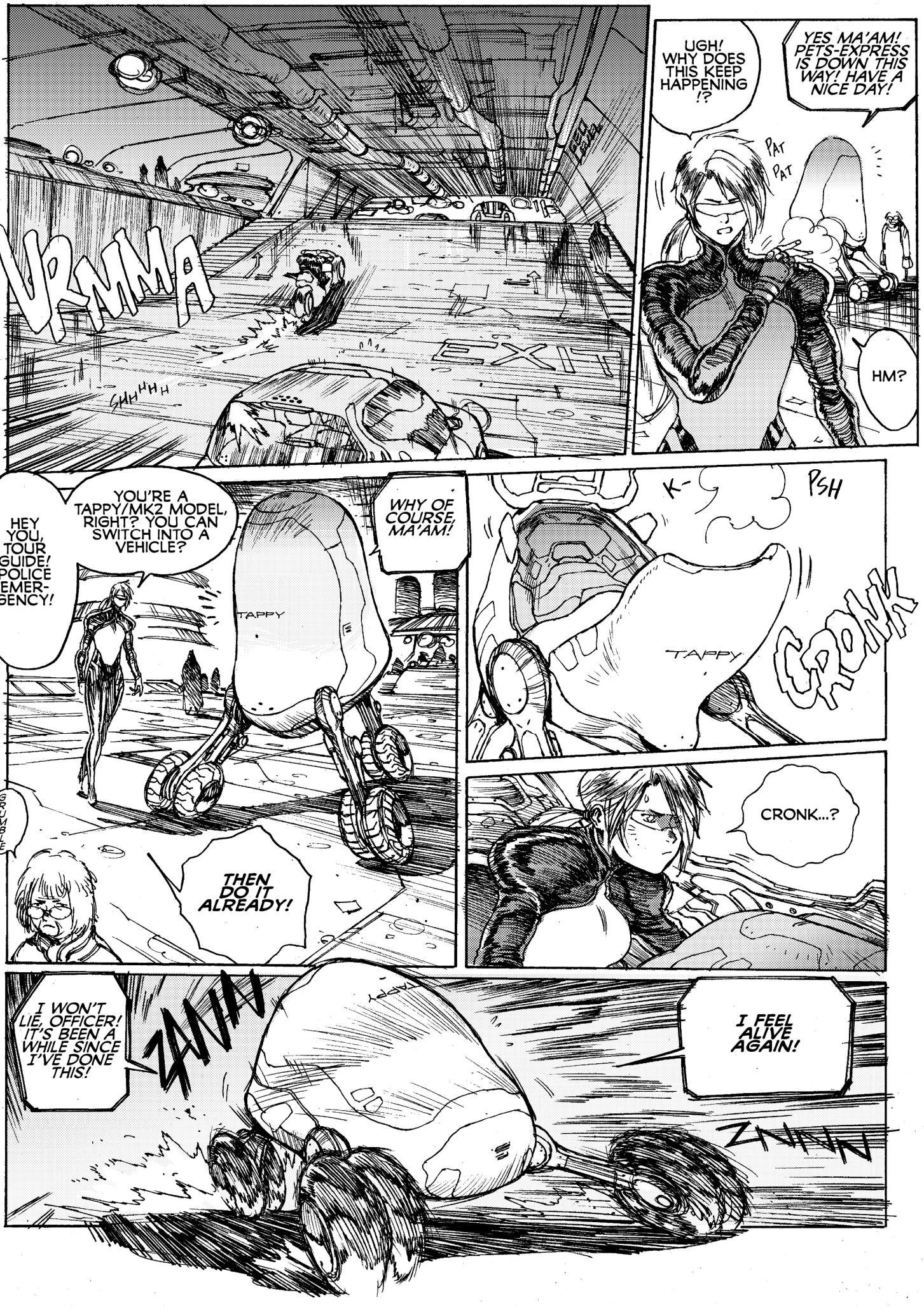
KRM
RABUMATE
WELL, THIS IS INTERESTING. DR. MAMORU'S STAYING AT A LOVE HOTEL? GUESS HE'S A VERY SPECIFIC TYPE OF LONER, HUH...
IF YOU'RE HERE FOR THE PROTECTION MONEY, WE ALREADY PAID UP FOR THIS MONTH!
WOAH, THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, GOOD-LOOKIN'! WHAT ARE YOU COPS DOIN' HERE?
THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE. I'M LOOKING FOR ONE DR. MAMORU. RECORD SHOWS HE WAS LAST STAYING AT THIS PLACE, RIGHT?
UGH! THAT GUY OWES TWO MONTHS WORTH OF RENT AND HE NEVER USES ANY OF OUR "EXTRA SERVICES", IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN...
LISTEN, THIS IS A "NO-COPS" SORT OF ESTABLISH-MENT, BUT I CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR A HOTTIE LIKE YOU.
HOW NICE OF YOU.
HEY! JUST A THOUGHT, BUT HOW 'BOUT YOU COME AROUND IF THIS COP THING DOESN'T WORK OUT FOR YA? GET YA SOME GOOD CLIENTS IN NO TIME!
I'M FLATTERED, MISTER. NEVER KNOW, RIGHT?

EIDI, SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE GOT PEOPLE MAKING MONEY ON THE SIDE. MIND TAKING THAT UP WITH INTERNAL?
YUP, YOU BET.
GREAT.
14b
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
NO REPLY AT THE DOOR... I'M GOING IN...
YOU GUYS SEEING THIS? WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY INFO OUT OF MAMORU...
VRUUN
WHAT THE HELL... SOLANO, MAKE SURE THE FORENSICS TEAM SWEEPS THAT PLACE UP, RIGHT? AS FAR AS MAMORU IS CONCERNED, THAT'S OUR ONLY LEAD...
KENGO, YOU STILL GOT THE CYBORG IN SIGHT?
YEAH, I SEE HIM.
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE GEOFRONT, THOUGH. ONCE HE'S ON FOOT, I'M GONNA NEED HELP...
JUST KEEP YOUR EYES ON HIM. I'M ALMOST THERE!

SEEK
HE JUST DUMPED HIS RIDE. GONNA TRY AND STAY ON HIS TAIL.
GUY'S BEING CAREFUL. GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES, BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S ONTO US YET.
JUST KEEP IT COOL, KENGO!
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. I'M NOT USED TO THIS KIND OF WORK, YOU KNOW.
SHIT, HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
APPLES
HEHEH, HOW MUCH FOR THE APPLES?
BIOMARKET
?
JESSICA! HE'S SEEN ME. IT'S YOUR TURN TO TAIL HIM!
VREEEE
SNIFF
SNIFF
HE'S HEADED FOR THE GEOFRONT ENTRANCE, BOSS! BUT DON'T WORRY, I'VE TOTALLY GOT HIM --HEY!
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU FILTHY CANINE!
GEO LEVEL

SURE TOOK YOUR TIME, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT-EVER!
I STUCK MY NECK OUT FOR YOU, LADY! A THANK YOU WOULD BE NICE!
CHAK
SHUT UP, YOU IDIOT! SOMEONE'S WATCHING US!
THERE, BEHIND THE GARDEN!
IT'S BEEN WATCHING US FOR A WHILE, AND IT SHOWED UP WHEN YOU DID ...
BUT, IT'S JUST A DOG!
NEXT TO IT, YOU FOOL!
I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES. LET'S SPLIT. BALTIC, YOU LAY LOW FOR A WHILE.
I'LL BE IN TOUCH.
ANYTHING YOU SAY, LADY.
BOSS, THE CYBORG PARTY JUST BROKE UP!
MEDATEN
WHICH ONE DO I GO AFTER!?
YO! THERMI-DOR HERE. I'LL TAKE THE BRIEF-CASE DUDE.
ABOUT TIME YOU GUYS SHOWED UP!
NO LITTER THANK YOU

SOLANO, YOU WITH US? THE CYBORGS ARE COMING OUT THE FAR END OF THE GEOFRONT.
I'M THERE IN TWO MINUTES, THERMIDOR.
SHIT, IN TWO MINUTES THIS GUY WILL BE LONG GONE.
I'M GOING AFTER HIM RIGHT NOW!
COSPLAY
EXIT ONLY
BUG FACE!
?
!
WASH
HEY, MY BIKE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE CALLED ME BUG-FACE! HOW HURTFUL!


VRMMA
SHHHHH
EXIT
UGH! WHY DOES THIS KEEP HAPPENING !?
YES MA'AM! PETS-EXPRESS IS DOWN THIS WAY! HAVE A NICE DAY!
PAT PAT
HM?
HEY YOU, TOUR GUIDE! POLICE EMER-GENCY!
YOU'RE A TAPPY/MK2 MODEL, RIGHT? YOU CAN SWITCH INTO A VEHICLE?
WHY OF COURSE, MA'AM!
TAPPY
K-
PSH
TAPPY
CRONK
GRUMBLE
THEN DO IT ALREADY!
CRONK...?
I WON'T LIE, OFFICER! IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE DONE THIS!
ZAMM
TAPPY
I FEEL ALIVE AGAIN!
ZAMM

SOLANO! I'M AFTER BUG-FACE ON HIGHWAY 32--
HIS RIDE IS MUCH FASTER, THOUGH! IF THE TRAFFIC BREAKS UP, HE'S GONNA LOSE ME!
RUN
GOT MY HANDS FULL HERE! MISTER COMBAT CYBORG AND I RAN INTO EACH OTHER AT THE GEOFRONT! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, THERMIDOR!
HEY!
I SAID STOP!
THIS IS THE WORST DAY EVER!
HM...? LIKE THE MOVIES...
SCREET

YO YO YO!
KTUNK
WHEW! YOU SURE CAN RUN, SOLANO!
CHUFF
CHUFF
GONK
BOOMKRASH
WE GOT HIM, BOSS!
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING..
HEY, YOU OKAY, PARTNER?
LOOK PRETTY SHOOK UP!
JUST OUT OF BREATH...
GUESS THE DOC WAS RIGHT...? I COMPLETELY FROZE UP...

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW CLOSE YOU IDIOTS CAME TO RUINING EVERYTHING...
ALL THOSE MONTHS I SPENT UNDERCOVER, GETTING THEM TO TRUST ME...
AND YOU ALMOST BLEW THE WHOLE THING!
BUT MOST OF ALL, MY REPUTATION IS RUINED! RUINED!
A SUPER COOL GUY LIKE ME GETTING ARRESTED BY A VACCUUM CLEANER AND ITS PET DOG!? HOW WILL I EVER SHOW MY FACE AT THE OFFICE AGAIN!?
LISTEN, MAN! ONE OF OUR PEOPLE IS CHASING AFTER THAT BRIEFCASE! WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE!?
I WONDER IF WE'RE GONNA GET IN TROUBLE FOR THIS...
SINCE YOU LOOK LIKE A+ DUDES, I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU.
NAME'S BALTIC. NOW, LISTEN CAREFULLY...

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NEW ATHENS

Estimated Population: 16 million
Currency: NEuro, HKD
Government: Unitary parliamentary constitutional republic
Legislature: Augmented Parliament

New Athens is the fictional setting for all of **OCB** so far. As it's the product of a highly unlikely series of both natural and man-made disasters, I consider it to be more science fiction than an actual estimate of a possible future.

It is extremely loosely-defined, even in my head, as I tend to make up the areas I need to serve the story. People expecting to find a realistic vision of a future Greece are always left disappointed by New Athens, but it was never really my intention in the first place. The city is entirely made up -- it could've been named anything else and it would've still played the part of the cyber metropolis just the same.

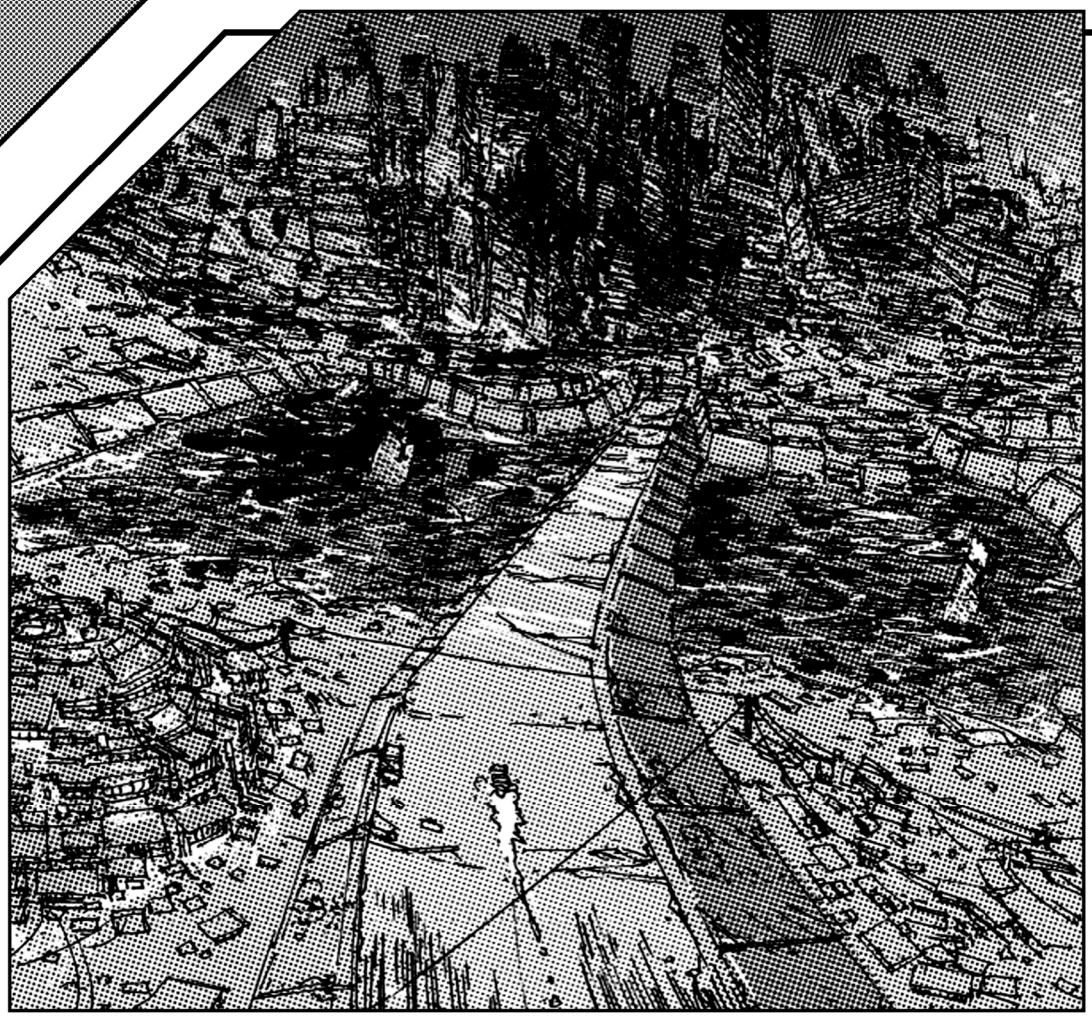
The flood of 2016 which wiped out most of the country is considered a freak weather phenomenon caused by the increasingly unstable environment, although some conspiracy theorists claim there was use of weather-altering experimental weapons involved...

As a city-state, it is essentially self-governed, although it still falls under the influence and control of the European States.

As a port into the rest of Europe, New Athens is teeming with both legal corporations and black market runners.

As the city was essentially rebuilt by the corporations themselves, it is an obvious tax-haven and a place where cheap labor can be found in the countless immigrants coming in from less fortunate areas of the world.

An off-shore data-haven can be found on a man-made island in the Sea of Crete. As stated in *PROSTHETIC CORPUS*, the city's data network -- a sort of dedicated semi-autonomous Internet -- is mainly based in servers found on the island, although much of the information is stored on the cloud and on other secondary servers across the city-state. As this future is even more interconnected than today's world, this City-net serves to spread information for various purposes - car navigation and accident prevention, crime detection, entertainment (TV and such), public services, etc -- with connection to the worldwide Internet being seamless and transparent. ■



THE OLD CITY

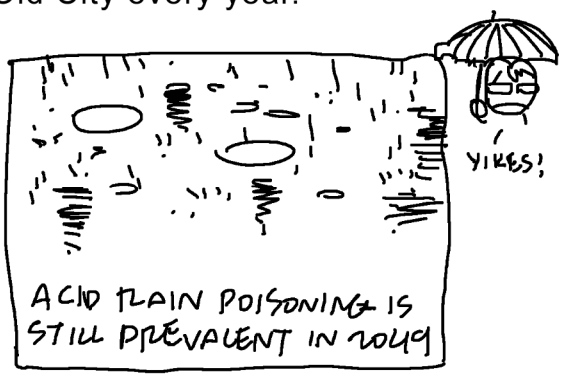
The Old City consists mostly of the remains of today's downtown Athens. It is largely a deserted wasteland.

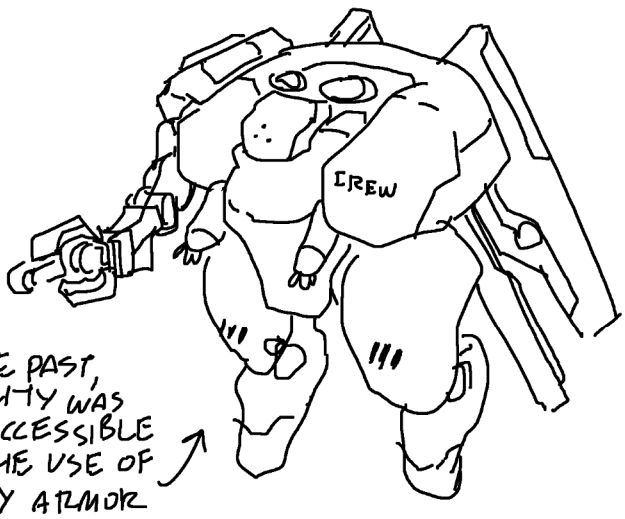
It is sealed-off by the Barrier, a large wall designed to keep the people of New Athens away from the poluted waters that remain in the City. The Barrier Slums extend along the length of the wall.

Although supposedly guarded, the Old City is still easily accessible from the Aegean Sea, and serves as an excellent smuggling route. It is estimated that 56% of illegal immigration and 62% of Europe's black market weapons pass through the Old City every year.

As the rest of the country was built into New Athens, the high toxicity of the stagnant waters in the Old City made it extremely difficult (and lethal) for construction crews to access the area.

In the thirty years since the Flood, the Old City has been gradually cleaned up using nanomachines and bioengineering and is under schedule to be completely rebuilt as part of the Renovation Project, helmed by Hayashi Heavy Industries, among others. ■





MOBILE GUNS

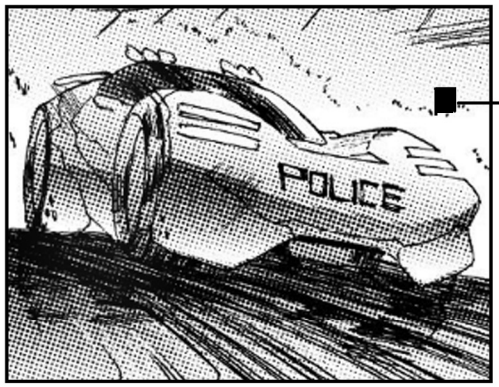
MK.I

MK.II

MOBILE GUNS are used by SDX to patrol the city and deal with criminal use of mechs. Oftentimes, they are used for crowd-control in the numerous riots and demonstrations that take place in New Athens.

Starting with MK.II, the MG's are 100% solar-powered, maximizing their cost-efficiency, but somewhat cutting into their maximum power and speed output.

OTHERS



Most of the cars the Police use are PROPHET makes. Other popular cars include HAYASHI-made models and SPERA types.

ABRAMS TYPE exobodies (remotely controlled) are widely-used for military purposes. Abrams Type refers to the model's particular neural interface patterning mode, named after its inventor and designer, Viktor Abrams II.

There are various models in the broader ABRAMS TYPE design line.

ANTI-GRAV is still a very new and extremely expensive technology. As such, anti-grav vehicles are scarce in the OCB world. The technology is set to be widely used for transportation as the cities of the future build upwards, creating multi-leveled sprawls.

SPECIAL POLICE DIVISION 10 (SDX) RELATIONS TREE

PRIME MINISTER

CHIEF GORTYN

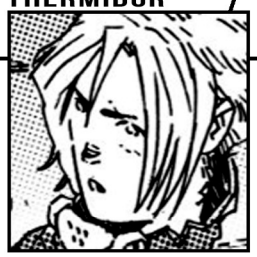
INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

MOBILE GUN UNIT

SOLANO

Detective

THERMIDOR



Mobile Gun Specialist
All-Around Trigger Finger

INFO ANALYSIS AND SUPPORT

EIDI

Mobile Gun Unit Director

NEWBERG

Analysis Specialist

CHOTEN

RISA

DASH

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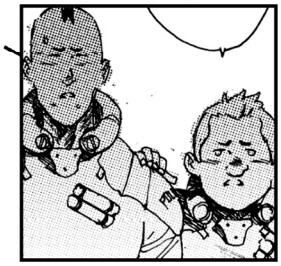
SUPPORTING MEMBERS

DOC (FORENSICS)

DONNA(FIRST AID)

KAB (TECH)

NORMAL POLICE

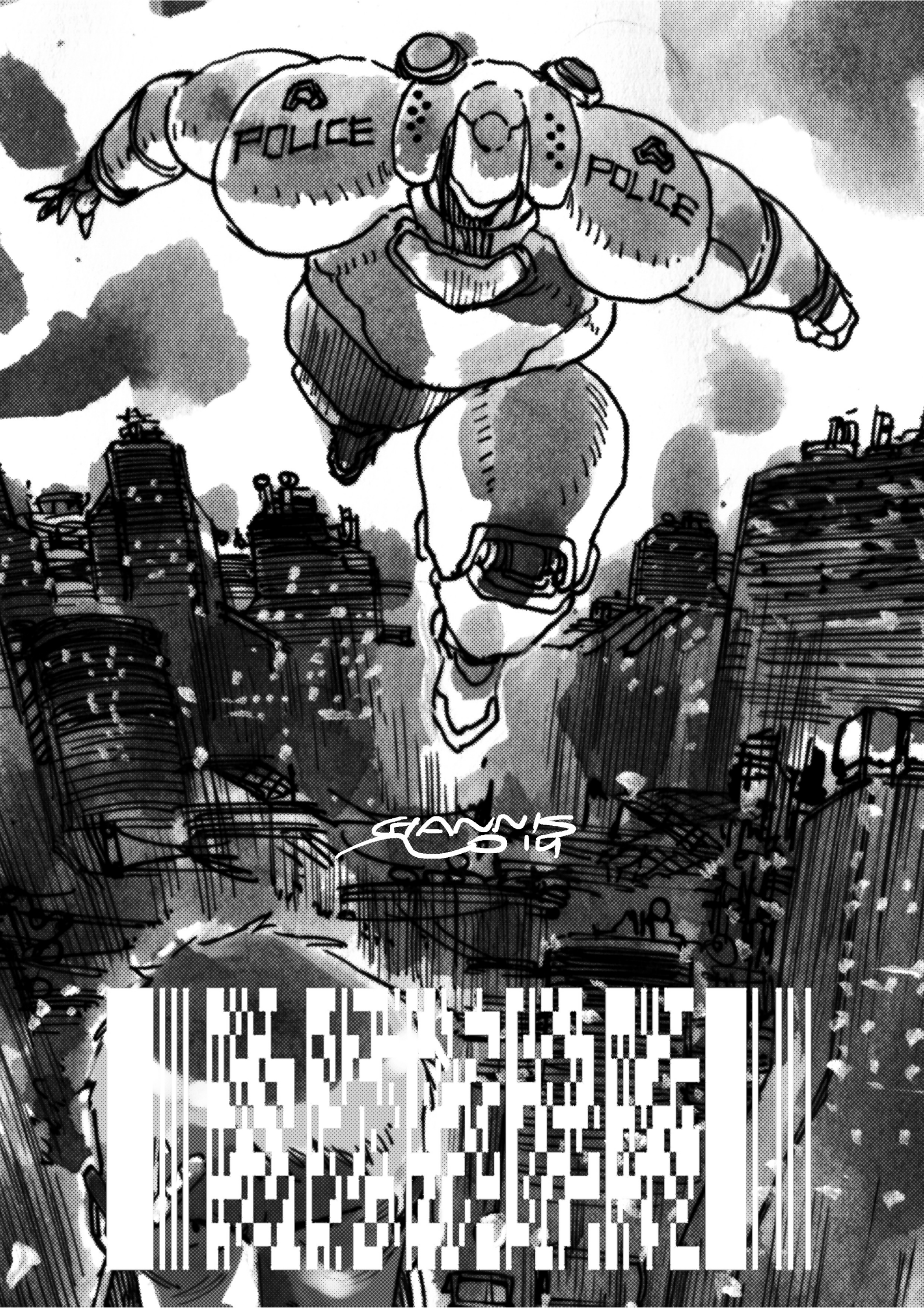


An entirely separate entity, the normal police can still provide support for SDX, although internal politics tend to complicate the matter...

SDX is in charge of all cybercrime and terrorism related incidents. Brain-hacking, data-laundering, weapons smuggling, illicit hardware and software, etc. The more mundane, day-to-day crimes (theft, destruction of property, murder) are handled by the other Special Police divisions and the Normals.

(Apologies to the supporting SDX crew that were ommited!)

NOTE: Although “on paper” SDX is split into separate teams -- investigations and Mobile Guns -- the roles of all members are far more fluid and interchangeable than it seems. All members participate in the investigation of crimes, although not all are trained to operate Mobile suits. It would’ve been too hard for Gortyn to get a budget for a unified team, so he pulled some strings and had SDX organized in a way that would allow for the necessary funds. (Ah, bureaucracy...)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Thanks for checking out OCB, and for your patience in waiting for new chapters! Some news to share:

-As was announced at SDCC this summer, we're teaming up with ThreeA to bring you a new line of OCB figures! ThreeA are hard at work sculpting away at the prototypes for Solano and the Mobile Gun, set to debut in 2017. I hope you'll check them out!

-Chapter 12 was serialized in page-by-page udates, which, although very helful in drawing pages, didn't help much to create a comfortable reading experience. It's likely we'll switch back to collected issue formats for 13. If you have thoughts, please let me know!

-It was also announced we're going to be doing G.I. JOE at IDW with writer Aubrey Sitterson, starting in October! With PROPHET now fully wrapped up, GI JOE and OCB are going to be where you'll find most of my stuff for the next months.

-Midnight Club is a very good game. If you want nonstop midnight club tweets, feel free to follow me on twitter @musashinoelegy, where I won't shut up about it.(Also to get OCB updates and stuff but mostly Midnight Club).

Thanks, always, for sticking around and reading OCB!

See you soon!

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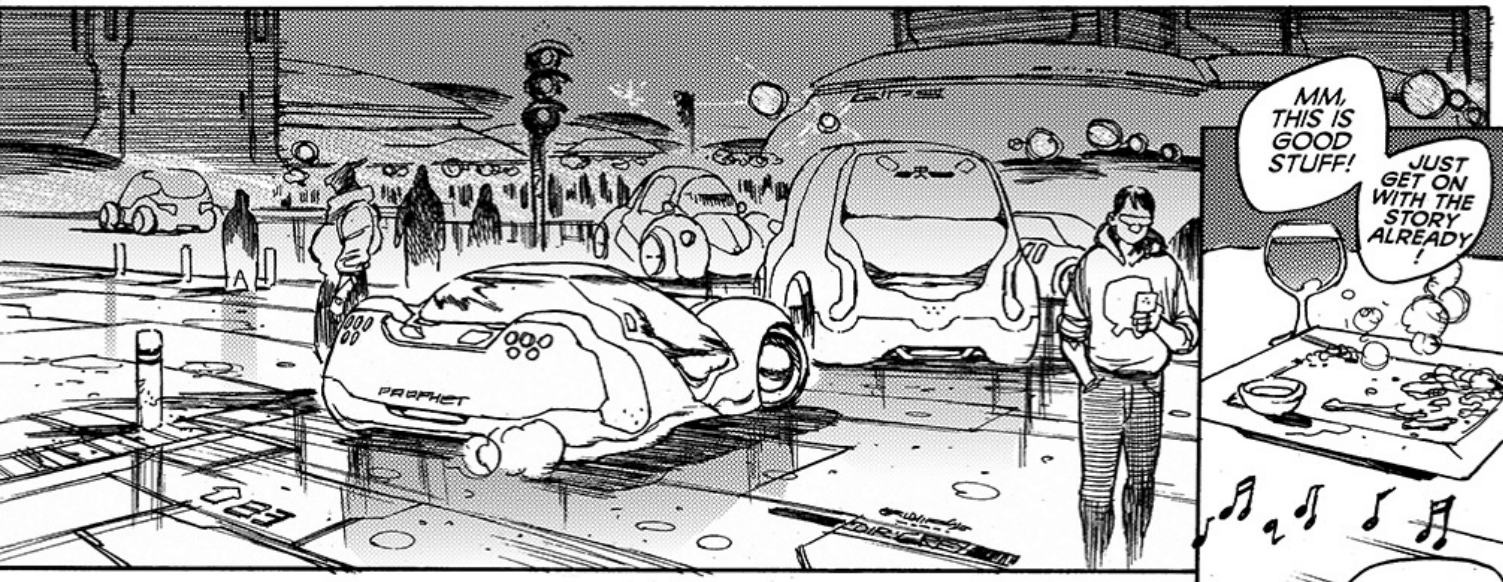


MM, THIS IS GOOD STUFF!

JUST GET ON WITH THE STORY ALREADY!

OK, OK, TAKE IT EASY! AS I WAS SAYING, AFTER HAYASHI DISAPPEARED, THEIR VARIOUS SUBSIDIARIES STARTED BEING VERY, VERY ACTIVE.

LIKE, ***TOO ACTIVE***, YOU KNOW?

WE'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON THEM AS WELL, BUT THEY'VE BEEN CAREFUL...

YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME WRITING THOSE GUYS A PARKING TICKET, THESE DAYS.

THAT'S WHY I HAD TO GO UNDER, ***MAN***. I GOT INTO ONE OF THEIR CYBORG DRUG RINGS--

WAIT A SECOND, BALTIC--

YOU'RE SAYING THOSE BUG FACE CYBORGS ARE WITH SOME ***HAYASHI*** SUB-COMPANY? AND THEY HAD YOU STEAL AN AI FOR THEM!?

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU--

IT'S NOWHERE ***NEAR*** THAT SIMPLE, SOLANO! WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT--

WE NEED TO GET TO HQ. YOU CAN TALK ON THE WAY, BALTIC.

OH, AND-- YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO EXPLAIN ALL THIS TO THERMIDOR, TOO.

I'M DEAD!!

PREVIOUSLY ON OCB

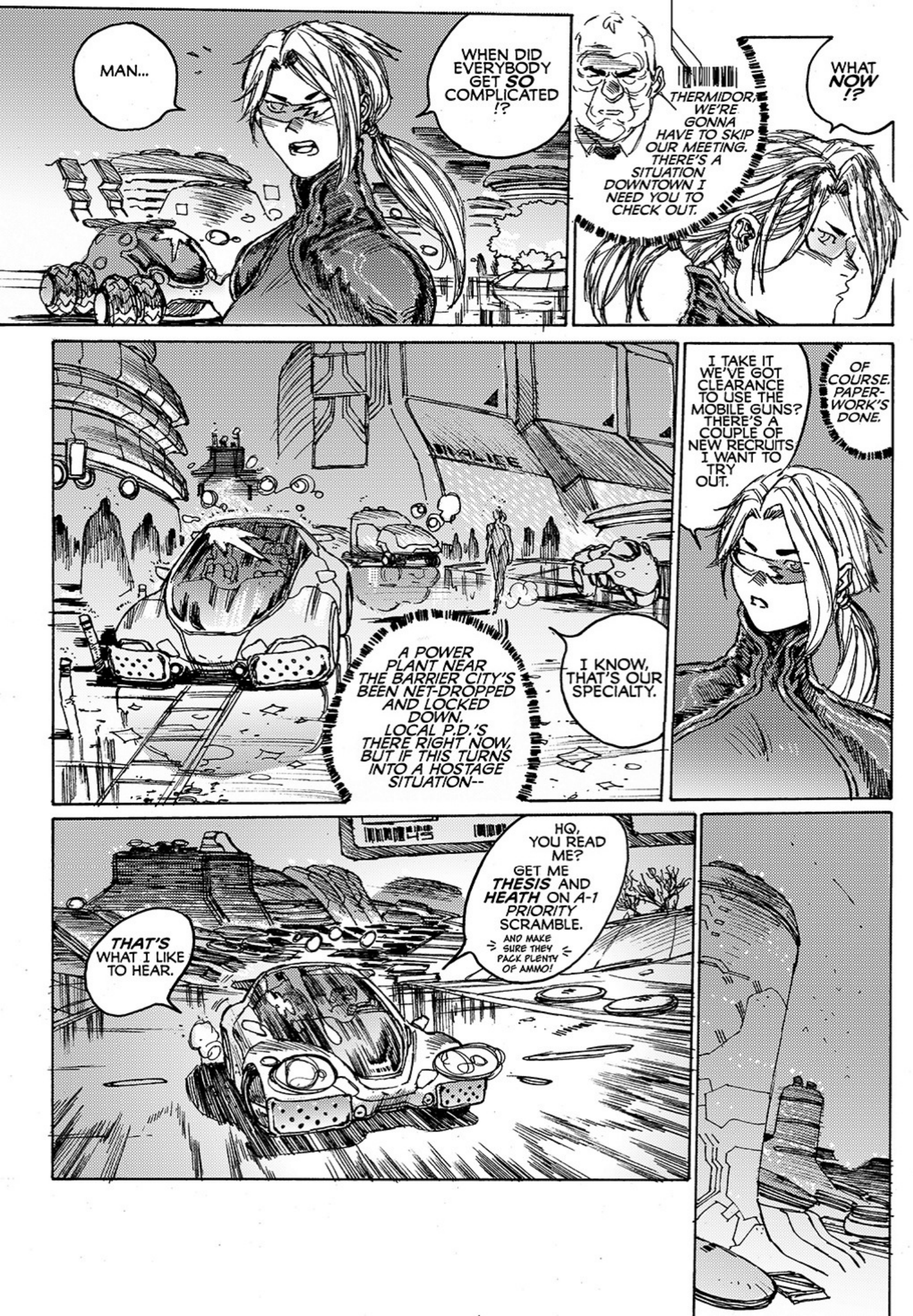
Our team was investigating the kidnapping of an AI idol's construct, leading them to the trail of a **Bug Face cyborg gang**. When they caught one of the gang members, **Baltic**, it turned out he was an undercover cop working to infilitrate the gang! Now the gang leader is missing, along with part of the AI's system.

And if that wasn't enough, a familiar old baddie's name comes up...

ARE YOU FREAKING KIDDING ME!?
WE CHASED YOU GUYS ALL OVER THE CITY!
C'MON, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS...
AT LEAST NOW WE CAN GET BACK TO DOING ACTUAL WORK, RIGHT?
SO HOW DO WE FIND BUG-FACE?
POLICE
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, SOLANO. YOU MAKE IT SOUND EASY!
BALTIC'S GOTTA WAIT FOR THEM TO MAKE CONTACT.
ONCE THEY DO, WE MOVE IN AND GET 'EM.
WELL, I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT IT AIN'T GONNA BE EASY. FOR ALL I KNOW, THEY'VE GOT AN ARMY--
SOLANO!
HI, CHO!
ARE WE STILL ON FOR TONIGHT? THEY SAID WE CAN STILL USE YESTERDAY'S RESERVATION!
YEAH! SORRY ABOUT STANDING YOU UP YESTERDAY! THINGS GOT A LITTLE OUT OF HAND...
THANKS TO BALTIC

IT'LL BE FUN!
OH, AND-- THE CREW'S GATHERED IN THE BRIEFING ROOM!
EIDI, NEWBERG, MEET BALTIC. HE'S BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE, SO FAR.
AS LONG AS HE HELPS US GET THIS CYBORG GANG, IT'S ALL GOOD, RIGHT?
YO, BALTIC! DON'T WORRY, DUDE, SOLANO LIKES TO PLAY HARD TO GET!
Z
TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAP. LOCAL COPS FOUND THE OTHER TWO CYBORGS THAT GOT AWAY... OR THEIR BODIES, AT LEAST. THEY'D BEEN FRIED. WE ALSO FOUND THE BIKE BUG-FACE GOT AWAY ON, BUT THAT WAS A DEAD-END, TOO.
DAMN, SHE PROBABLY THOUGHT THOSE TWO WERE BUGGED AND GOT RID OF THEM.
WE'VE GOT LOCALS ON THE LOOK-OUT, BUT NOTHING'S SURFACED YET. NO ACTIVITY IN THE OLD CITY, EITHER.
THE MEDIA'S GONNA PICK UP ON THIS STORY SOON, TOO. IT'S GONNA BE A MESS...
GOTTA SAY, THOUGH. ALL THIS FOR A STOLEN AI, MAN... IS THIS CASE EVEN WORTH THE EFFORT, AT THIS POINT?
I ACTUALLY WANTED TO BRING THAT UP, TOO.
I'M OFF THE CASE.
CHIEF'S PUT ME ON DESK WORK FOR THE TIME BEING, AT THE DOCTOR'S ORDER.

HEY, WAIT! WHAT'S YOUR DEAL, MAN? JUST STORMING OUT LIKE THAT! EVERYBODY'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU IN THERE...
DON'T. DOCTOR JUST SAID I NEED TO TAKE IT EASY. MY ARM'S NOT AT 100% YET.
EXIT
WE ALL KNOW THAT'S BULLSHIT, SOLANO!
I THOUGHT SO, TOO. THEN BALTIC PULLED A GUN ON ME AND I FROZE UP. IF IT WERE A DIFFERENT SITUATION...
SO I TOOK THE DOC'S ADVICE AND ASKED THE CHIEF TO TRANSFER ME FOR A WHILE.
YOU'RE ALL MY PARTNERS. I WON'T PUT MYSELF IN A POSITION WHERE I CAN DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD.
HEY, YO! CHIEF WANTS TO SEE YOU. SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE IN CHARGE, NOW.
YOU HAVE MY LOYALTY, MY LORD!
I SHOULD'VE APPRECIATED IT MORE WHEN ALL WE DID WAS SHOOT AT STUFF.
BALTIC, YOU LAY LOW FOR A WHILE. I WANT YOU TO CHECK IN WITH US EVERY OTHER DAY, AND LET ME KNOW WHEN BUG-FACE MAKES CONTACT.
DANG, GETTING BOSSY, AREN'T WE?
YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!
DON'T MAKE ME MAKE YOU REGRET YOU WERE BORN, BALTIC!
SHHH
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE


MAN...
WHEN DID EVERYBODY GET SO COMPLICATED !?
THERMIDOR, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO SKIP OUR MEETING. THERE'S A SITUATION DOWNTOWN I NEED YOU TO CHECK OUT.
WHAT NOW !?
A POWER PLANT NEAR THE BARRIER CITY'S BEEN NET-DROPPED AND LOCKED DOWN. LOCAL P.D.'S THERE RIGHT NOW, BUT IF THIS TURNS INTO A HOSTAGE SITUATION--
I KNOW, THAT'S OUR SPECIALTY.
I TAKE IT WE'VE GOT CLEARANCE TO USE THE MOBILE GUNS? THERE'S A COUPLE OF NEW RECRUITS I WANT TO TRY OUT.
OF COURSE. PAPER-WORK'S DONE.
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR.
HQ, YOU READ ME? GET ME THESIS AND HEATH ON A-1 PRIORITY SCRAMBLE.
AND MAKE SURE THEY PACK PLENTY OF AMMO!

1984 CAFE
BRM BRM
WOOF! WOOF!
SO THAT WAS PRETTY MUCH THAT, FOR ME. NO CHOICE, I GUESS?
YOU ONLY JUST GOT ASSIGNED RECENTLY, RIGHT? HOW DID YOU END UP AT SDX?
IT'S KINDA FUNNY, ACTUALLY! I WAS IN TRAFFIC, BEFORE.
THAT'S NOT REALLY EXCITING THESE DAYS, Y'KNOW? THE CARS THINK FOR THEMSELVES AND ALL-- SO WHEN I HEARD ABOUT SDX AND THE HAYASHI CASE, I WAS REALLY JEALOUS! BUT--
IT'S NOT AS COOL AS THEY MADE IT SOUND, REALLY!
LOOKING BACK ON IT, NOW, WE WERE TOTAL IDIOTS! SO MANY MISTAKES AND BAD CHOICES. KIND OF A ROUGH TIME, BUT I THINK WE'RE GETTING BETTER!
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
OH, NO-- IT'S HQ!
WELL, THAT'S PROBABLY A NEW RECORD ...
THINGS GO WRONG MUCH FASTER, USUALLY!
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO SDX, THOUGH!
oh my!
I GET TO HELP ALL YOU CATCH THE BAD GUYS!
IT'S LIKE ONE OF MY ONLINE FAN-FICS!

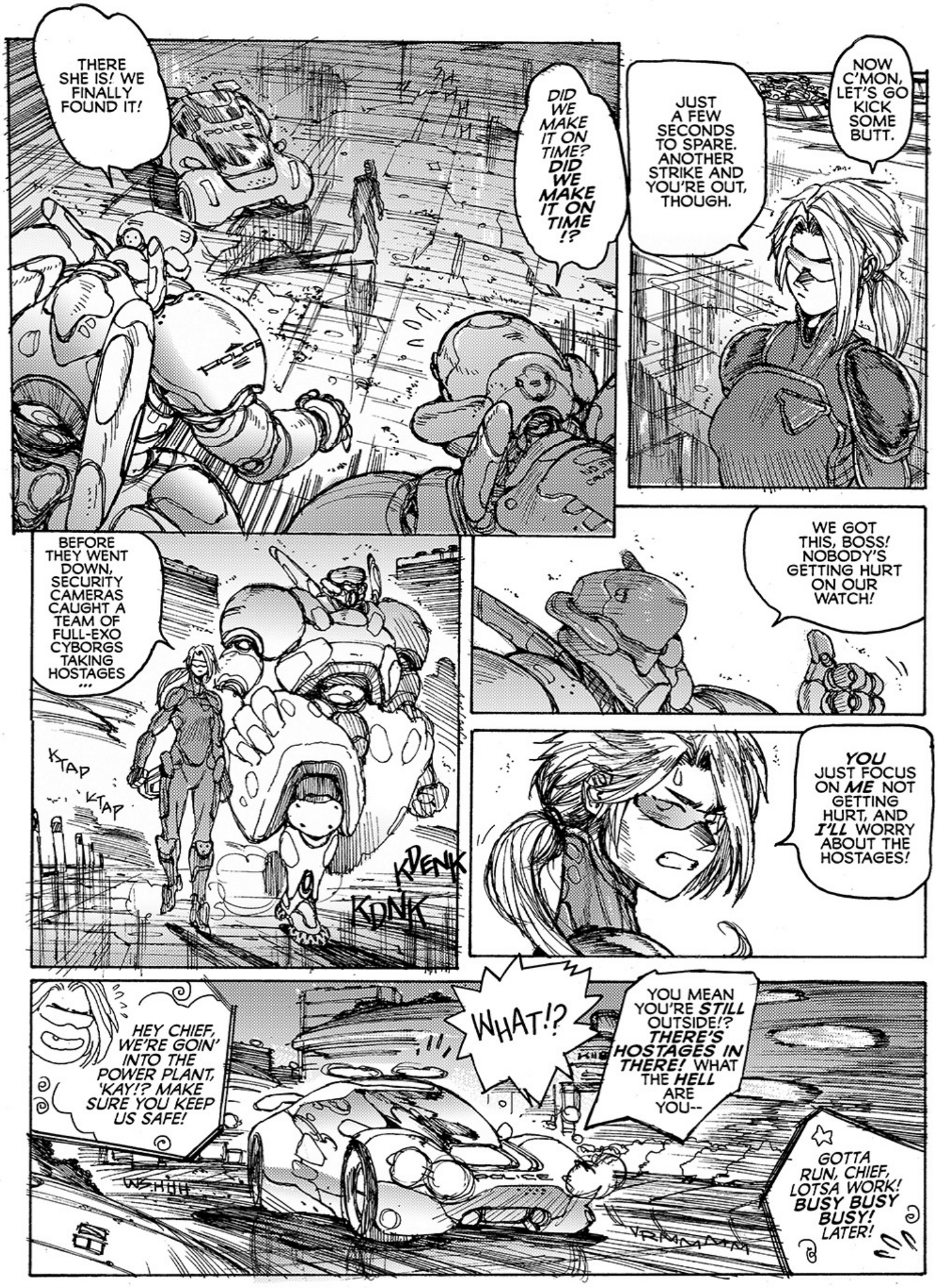
SO, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE BACK IN THE OFFICE AFTER FIGHTING ALL THOSE CRIMINALS ON THE DARK AND UGLY STREETS, HUH!?
HEHE
FWAP
FWISH
UH, SORRY!
I'M ACTUALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, YOU KNOW?
I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T JOKE ABOUT THAT.
EVER SINCE THE HAYASHI CASE, WE'VE BEEN ON CONSTANT GO-MODE. I LOST MY ARM, AND A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER I WAS BACK ON THE STREETS.
AND NOW, I'M JUST A RISK FOR MY TEAM.
I AM WORRIED ABOUT STEPPING ASIDE AND LETTING THE TEAM TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING.
BUT IT'S NOT WORTH PUTTING THE LIVES OF FRIENDS IN DANGER. AND IT'S NOT LIKE I COULDN'T USE THE BREAK, TOO ...
giggle
giggle
BESIDES, THERMIDOR'S IN CHARGE NOW! THE BAD GUYS ARE PROBABLY RUNNING TO HIDE ALREADY!
HEH
THERMIDOR BEING IN CHARGE IS ONE OF THE THINGS I'M WORRIED ABOUT, CHO!
ALL I CAN HEAR IS SOMEONE THINKING WORKING AT HQ IS GOING TO BE EASY STUFF! YOU'RE ON MY TURF NOW, SOLANO!
THERE'S SO MUCH PAPERWORK TO DO, YOU'LL BE WISHING YOU WERE ON THE STREETS!

C'MON, LOOK SHARP YOU IDIOTS! THE LADY FROM SDX IS GONNA BE HERE ANY MINUTE! YOU WANT THEM TO MAKE FUN OF US AGAIN!?
QUICK, BEFORE SHE--
POLICE
I'M ALREADY HERE, CAPTAIN. NOW, THERE'S A MOBILE GUN BEING DELIVERED TO ME AND I NEED TO CHANGE...
AH!?
I, UH, DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE, THERMIDOR! I'LL HAVE THE GEAR PREPARED FOR YOU STAT.
GUESS YOU GUYS AREN'T ALL THAT BAD.
THANK YOU, MA'AM!
HEAR THAT, YOU MAGGOTS!?!?
SDX THINKS WE'RE AMAZING! LOCAL COPS ARE FINALLY RECOG-NIZED!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID!
HM... KINDA LOOSE AROUND THE ARMS. GONNA HAVE TO LET ORDNANCE KNOW ABOUT THIS.
NO CRYING! WE'RE STILL PRETTY COOL GUYS!

STILL NO RECEIPT CONFIR-MATION FROM THERMIDOR ON THOSE MOBILE GUNS, SIR. I'LL PING HER *AGAIN*.
GOOD LUCK WITH *THAT*, HYDE. I BET SHE'S ALREADY BROKEN ONE OR TWO OF THEM ANYWAY.
THIS IS ALL A JOKE TO YOU, SOLANO, BUT WE'RE THE ONES KEEPING TRACK OF WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING OUT THERE.
INCLUDING *BREAKING* ALL OUR STUFF.
AND IT'S NOT THE MOBILE GUNS WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT, BUT THEIR ROOKIE PILOTS. THERMIDOR NEEDS TO CONFIRM SHE'S TAKEN COMMAND AND REPORT BACK. IF THOSE KIDS GET KILLED IN TRANSIT, THE ENTIRE DIVISION WILL BE UNDER INVESTIGATION.
PAPER WORK, POLITICS, PROCE-DURES. FUN TIMES.
YOU KIDS GO FIGHT IN AUX COMMAND. I'M TAKING OVER HERE.
AH, SORRY ABOUT THE ATTITUDE. STREET HABITS, I GUESS. SO WHAT ARE WE EXACTLY GOING TO BE DOING NOW?
MAIN COMM WILL COORDINATE THE OPER-ATION, UNDER CHO. WE'LL BE IN AUX IN CASE THEY NEED BACK UP.
IN THE MEANTIME, THOUGH, THERE'S STILL PLENTY TO WORK ON. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE GOT A LITTLE *SIDE-QUEST* FOR YOU, SOLANO.
...

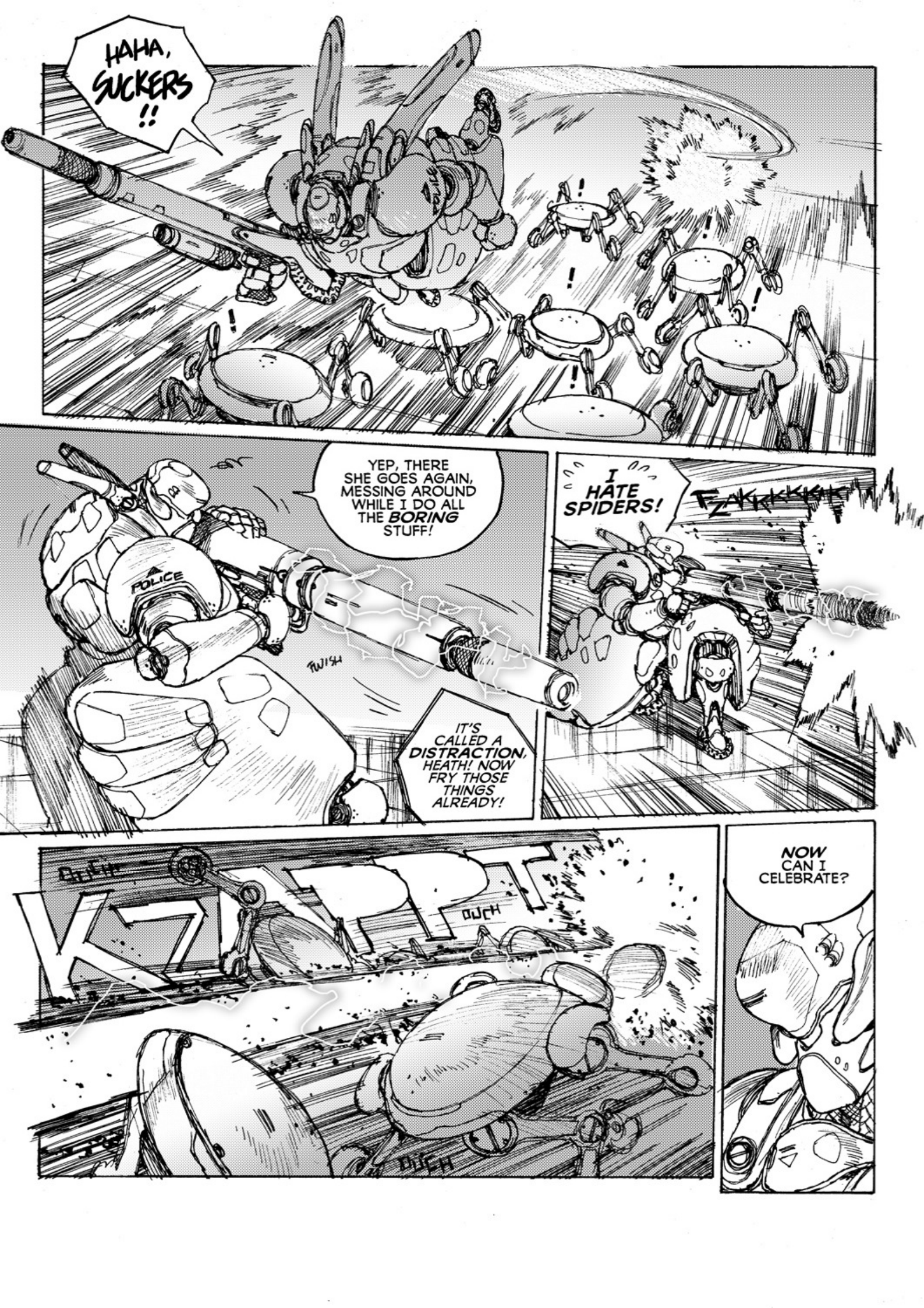
DAMMIT! WHY ISN'T THE NAVI SYSTEM WORKING!? TODAY, OF ALL DAYS! OUR FIRST MISSION AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE WAY THERE!
WE'RE ALREADY LATE, THESIS. I THINK IT'S TIME WE CONTACTED THERMIDOR ...
POLICE
THIS IS, UH, A-2 TO ZERO FALCON. WE'RE, UM, EXPERIENCING SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH OUR NAVI SYS AND, WELL... WE'RE KINDA LOST.
DON'T THEY TEACH YOU ANYTHING IN SCHOOL THESE DAYS? WHEN YOUR SYSTEM'S DOWN, LOOK FOR LANDMARKS.
IF YOU'RE IN SHIN-BOUYA, LOOK FOR THE MILLENIUM TOWER. I'M ABOUT 4KM NORTH OF THE TOWER. YOU GOT THAT?
AH, THE ONE WITH THE BIG F-21 SIGN ON IT! I REMEMBER IT FROM MY STIM VIDEOS. WE'RE RIGHT NEXT TO IT!
IF YOU'RE NOT HERE IN TWO MINUTES, THIS IS ALL GOING ON YOUR EVALUATION REPORT.
TONIGHT'S THE REAL DEAL, ROOKIES. GET YOUR ACT TOG--ETHER.
AND DON'T CALL ME ZERO FALCON OR ANYTHING STUPID LIKE THAT AGAIN!
YES MA'AM SORRY MA'AM!

HUH? YOU THINK BALTIC'S PLAYING BOTH SIDES?
WE ALREADY THOUGHT OF THAT, THOUGH. HE CHECKED OUT, BEEN A COP FOR SIX YEARS. FAR AS WE COULD TELL, HE'S CLEAN.
HOW DOES A CLEAN COP END UP WITH A MILITARY GRADE EXOBODY? HE'S GOT NO RECORD OF ARMY SERVICE, SOLANO.
OK, I'LL BITE.
WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR? ON FILE, HE'S STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW. WHAT DID WE MISS?
THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPOSEDLY TRAINED AND HIRED HIM. NOBODY WORKS HERE ANYMORE, AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TRACK ANYONE DOWN.
YOU MIGHT HAVE BETTER LUCK. ASSUMING YOU CAN USE THE NETSPHERE, THAT IS.
HYDE, I SPENT THREE YEARS IN DATA RETRIEVAL BEFORE MAKING DETECTIVE. THEN I TRAINED THE NEW RECRUITS WHEN ALL THE UNITS MERGED.
I KNOW HOW TO USE THE GODDAMN THING.
UNIT 2


THERE SHE IS! WE FINALLY FOUND IT!
DID WE MAKE IT ON TIME? DID WE MAKE IT ON TIME!?
POLICE
JUST A FEW SECONDS TO SPARE. ANOTHER STRIKE AND YOU'RE OUT, THOUGH.
NOW C'MON, LET'S GO KICK SOME BUTT.
BEFORE THEY WENT DOWN, SECURITY CAMERAS CAUGHT A TEAM OF FULL-EXO CYBORGS TAKING HOSTAGES ...
KTAP
KTAP
KDENK
KDNK
WE GOT THIS, BOSS! NOBODY'S GETTING HURT ON OUR WATCH!
YOU JUST FOCUS ON ME NOT GETTING HURT, AND I'LL WORRY ABOUT THE HOSTAGES!
HEY CHIEF, WE'RE GOIN' INTO THE POWER PLANT, 'KAY!? MAKE SURE YOU KEEP US SAFE!
WHAT!?
YOU MEAN YOU'RE STILL OUTSIDE!? THERE'S HOSTAGES IN THERE! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU--
WSHHH
POLICE
VRMMMM
GOTTA RUN, CHIEF, LOTSA WORK! BUSY BUSY BUSY! LATER!

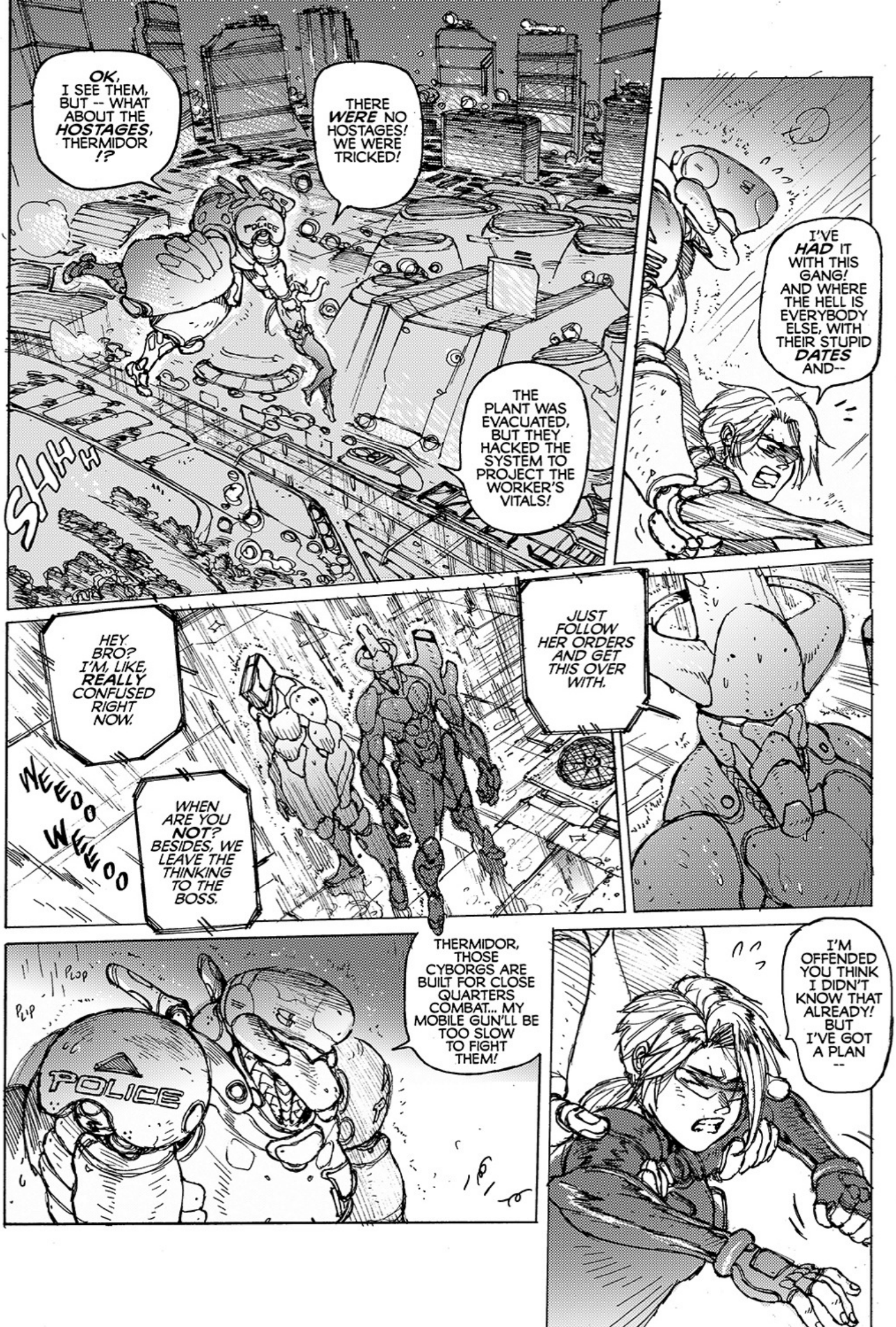
HEY! YOU THINK SHE'S STILL MAD AT US?
SHE'S PRETTY SCARY!
BEST NOT TO DWELL ON THE PAST, I SAY!! LET'S JUST FOCUS ON THE--
MISSION?
SMASH
POLICE
SPAK
SPAK
BRRTTT
GHHH..
NNNN..
A MONSTER !?
?
WHAT?! IT'S JUST THE SECURITY SYSTEM, YOU IDIOTS! THEY'VE TAKEN OVER THE GUARD BOTS!
KLIK
SPAK
SPAKA
PUNK
CLINK
CLINK
CLICK.

OUCH
KOOONK
VMMMM...
PSH
YES! WE'RE THE BEST!
SAVE THE CELEBRATIONS FOR LATER, HEATH!
INCOMING!
ZNNNNNNNNN
ZNNNNNN
KUHAK
SHIT, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! YOU TAKE CARE OF THE BOTS, I'LL LOOK FOR THE HOSTAGES!
DON'T WORRY, THERMIDOR! WE'VE GOT JUST THE TRICK FOR THESE LITTLE DUDES...
VNNNNNN
ANTI-GRAVITY MODULE INITIALIZED.
POLICE
HEATH


HAHA, SUCKERS !!
YEP, THERE SHE GOES AGAIN, MESSING AROUND WHILE I DO ALL THE BORING STUFF!
POLICE
FWISH
I HATE SPIDERS!
FZAKKKKKK
IT'S CALLED A DISTRACTION, HEATH! NOW FRY THOSE THINGS ALREADY!
OUCH
OUCH
NOW CAN I CELEBRATE?

NOT YET, HEATH! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THERMIDOR! C'MON, HER SIGNAL'S THIS WAY!
POLICE
WHA--?? WAIT, WAIT!
FWISH!
SHIT, HER SIGNAL'S ERRATIC, LIKE...
LIKE ... SHE'S DROPPING OUTTA THE SKY !?
GOT YOU, BOSS!
KWASH!
ONE OF YOU IDIOTS BETTER CATCH ME RIGHT NOW!

FLASHBACK
EMERGENCY BRAKING
PREPARE THRUSTERS FOR A HEAVY G STOP--
WSSSHHHHM
POLICE
USE PRIORITY OVERRIDE CODE "[illegible]" IF THE SECURITY SYSTEM WON'T LET YOU SET THE BRAKES.
ACCEPTED
NICE CATCH, THESIS-- NOW QUICK, THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
BONK


OK, I SEE THEM, BUT -- WHAT ABOUT THE HOSTAGES, THERMIDOR !?
THERE WERE NO HOSTAGES! WE WERE TRICKED!
THE PLANT WAS EVACUATED, BUT THEY HACKED THE SYSTEM TO PROJECT THE WORKER'S VITALS!
SHH H
I'VE HAD IT WITH THIS GANG! AND WHERE THE HELL IS EVERYBODY ELSE, WITH THEIR STUPID DATES AND--
HEY BRO? I'M, LIKE, REALLY CONFUSED RIGHT NOW.
JUST FOLLOW HER ORDERS AND GET THIS OVER WITH.
WUUOO WUUOO
WHEN ARE YOU NOT? BESIDES, WE LEAVE THE THINKING TO THE BOSS.
PLIP
PLOP
POLICE
THERMIDOR, THOSE CYBORGS ARE BUILT FOR CLOSE QUARTERS COMBAT... MY MOBILE GUN'LL BE TOO SLOW TO FIGHT THEM!
I'M OFFENDED YOU THINK I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ALREADY! BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN --

THIS CRUDE-LOOKING FILE IS THE LAST ONE EVER REFERENCED IN BALTIC'S SYSTEM TREE. LOOKS LIKE IT'S PROTECTED BY SOME BLACK ICE, BUT I BET I COULD BREAK THROUGH...
THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT...
ANYBODY EVEN REMOTELY CONNECTED TO BALTIC'S HAD THEIR RECORD DELETED.
FZAK
FZAK
CHO, HYDE WAS RIGHT. EVERYBODY WHO EVER KNEW BALTIC'S BEING ERASED.
AND THAT BLACK ICE...
IT'S NOT HARD EVIDENCE, BUT IT'S DEFINITELY NOT MAKING BALTIC LOOK GOOD.
PSHH.
GREAT.
IT'S EASY TO FORGET HOW MUCH THAT HURTS, HUH?
TSK GUESS I'M PRETTY RUSTY, HUH...
I SHOULD BE OUT THERE WITH--
HOLD STILL, MR. DETECTIVE. I HAVE TO CHECK YOUR NET FOR ANY INFECTIONS.

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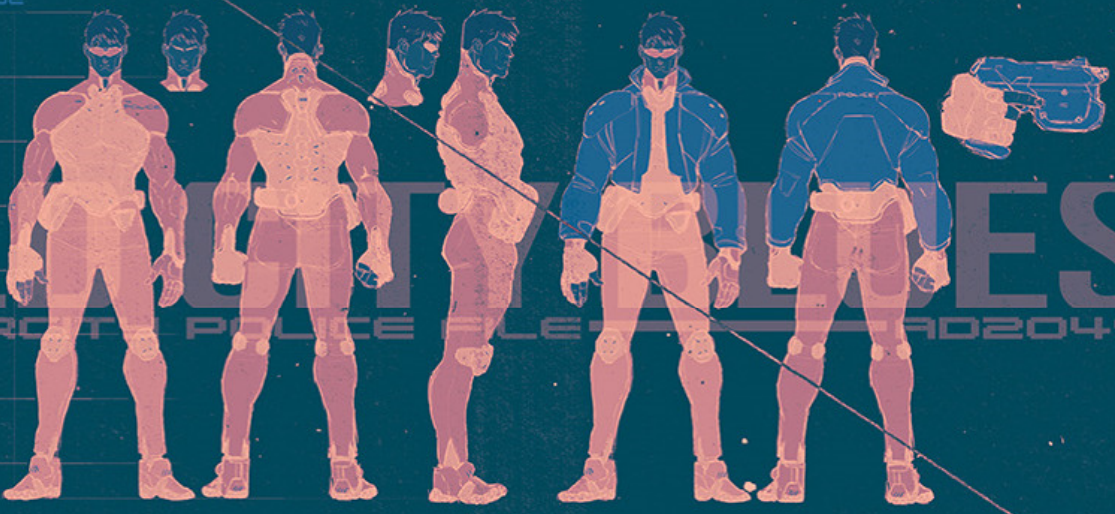

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It's been quite a while, hasn't it?

Lots of stuff has happened since last issue -- the ThreeA OCB figure being scrapped, for one.

Since the last issue, I've also almost drawn 12 issues of a series called RONIN ISLAND -- it's great fun, so please check it out sometime.

I feel like this storyline wrapping up will be a turning point for OCB. At some point I'll have to decide between either fully commiting to it for a while, or putting it on ice indefinitely.

Thanks, as always, for reading OCB!

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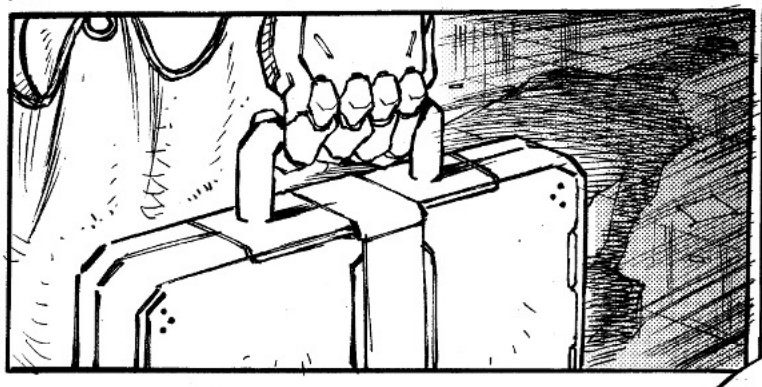

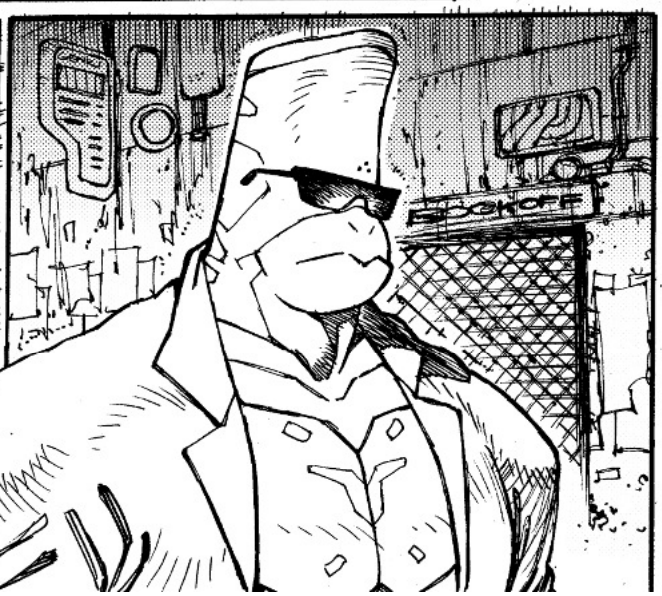

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Thermidor deals with a hostage situation, Solano investigates Baltic's shady past, and Cho just tries to keep everyone in line.

Meanwhile, Baltic's own plan begins to reveal its true nature...

BONK
OUCH!
WHIRR...
WHIRRR...
CLICK
ALMOST THERE...
VRRR...
COMPILING
VRRR...
WE'RE ALMOST DONE, LOVE ...

CHIEF, I'M ON MY WAY BACK TO HQ. DOC SAID I'M GOOD TO GO...
FORGET HQ, SOLANO! CHANGE OF PLANS!
WE'VE LOST THERMIDOR'S SIGNAL. LAST REPORT, SHE WAS ABOUT TO ENGAGE TWO CYBORGS. THEY MUST BE USING A JAMMER TO BLOCK HER COMMS.
Big Baby
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME TWICE, CHIEF!
VIRRRMM
I CAN'T DO THIS, BOSS!
WILL YOU SHUT UP ALREADY !? FIGHT HER, NOT ME!
?
TWO COMBAT CYBORGS AGAINST A SOFTIE ISN'T A NOBLE FIGHT!
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU TODAY !?
HEY, IDIOTS! ARE WE DOING THIS OR NOT ?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE AFTER ...
BUT MY PEOPLE KNOW YOU'RE JAMMING MY COMMS AND THEY'LL BE SENDING BACKUP. YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!
SHIT, I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING, THESIS!
IT'S THEIR JAMMER MESSING WITH OUR OPTICS! OPEN UP YER VISOR!
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT US GETTING AWAY?
IF ANYONE'S LEAVING, IT'S GOING TO BE YOU, COP LADY. ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS CITY.
BECAUSE, YOU SEE, TONIGHT ...
WE'RE GOING TO KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU.

SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
WOAH!
CARA! SWITCH TO RAIN TIRES!
TIRE GRIP UPDATED.
WHAT'S WITH THIS STORM, OUTTA NOWHERE ...?
CAUTION
OBSTRUCTION AHEAD
SCREECHH
WHAT THE...
SPAK
SPAK

...HELL?
SWITCH TO NON LETHAL ROUNDS ...
NON LETHAL

GROAN
C'MON, GUYS! REALLY!?
ISN'T THE EVIL MANIAC THING A BIT OVER-PLAYED?
SIX MONTHS AGO, A MILITARY CYBERWEAPON WAS USED TO TAKE OVER THE CITY'S NETWORK.
THE BLACK AEGIS INCIDENT.
THANKS TO THAT INCIDENT, A VULNERABILITY IN CERTAIN PROSTHETIC IMPLANTS WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION.
WAIT, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT--
WITH THAT INFO ON HAND, WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE EXPLOITS FOR MOST TYPES OF IMPLANTS USED IN THE UNION. WE NOW HOLD THE KEY TO THIS ENTIRE CITY'S POPULATION.
AND TONIGHT, THE KEY GOES INTO THE LOCK.
THE JAMMER'S OFF. TAKE A LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO.
IT'S ALREADY BEGUN.
HQ! HQ! WE'VE GOT MULTIPLE REPORTS OF VIOLENT ATTACKS--
HQ, PEOPLE ARE... BLEEDING!
-- WE NEED BACKUP IN THE BARRIER CITY, STAT! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH --
-- REQUESTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE! CIVILIANS ARE ...ATTACKING EACH OTHER!
SOLANO... TELL ME YOU'RE THERE...

THERMIDOR! YOU TAKE CARE OF THE CYBORG GANG!?
THEY'RE NO GANG, SOLANO! THIS WHOLE THING IS THEIR DOING! IT'S A TERRORIST ATTACK!
KRAK
URGHAA
IT'S A CYBER-PROSTHETICS VIRUS OR SOMETHING!
HOW BAD IS IT!?
DEPENDS ON HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT OLD B-MOVIES, THERMIDOR ...
PNG NOW OUT
LISTEN, FORGET ABOUT THE CYBORGS! WE NEED TO REGROUP AT HQ BEFORE THE ROADS ARE OVERRUN!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!? I'VE GOT THEM RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME! THEYJUST CONFESSED!
TRUST ME ON THIS ONE, ELLA -- THIS WHOLE CITY IS GOING DOWN!
KBLM
KBLM
NOT ON MY WATCH, BUDDY.

AGAIN, WHY DOESN'T ANYONE *LISTEN* TO ME!?
BEEP
BEEP
RAAAWWM
OUTTA THE WAY!!
YOUR FRIEND IS RIGHT, YOU KNOW.
YOU CAN'T STOP THIS, EVEN IF YOU KILL US HERE.
THIS GOES FAR HIGHER AND DEEPER THAN YOU MIGHT--
SHUT UP ALREADY!
KRAK

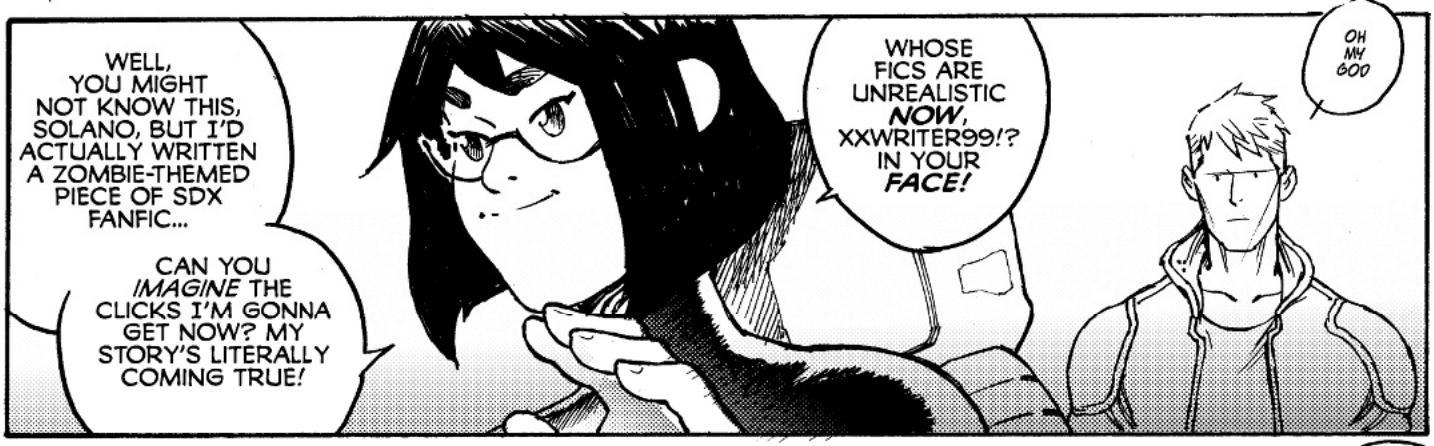
WEEEOO
WEEOO
GUESS THAT'S MY CUE. IF YOU DON'T NEED ME, I'LL BE ON MY WAY.
I'D LIKE TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE CITY IS QUARANTINED.
THIS... WHAT WE HAVE DONE... A GOOD THING... FOR THE CITY...
YOU DON'T GET TO PLAY SAVIOR TO *ME*, MR PRIME MINISTER.
HOW MUCH DID YOU GET FROM HAYASHI AND THE CORPORATIONS TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS?
YOU BLACKMAILED ME INTO BEING PART OF THIS, USED THE ONE THING YOU *KNEW* I COULD NOT REFUSE.
BUT I AIN'T DELUSIONAL. WHAT WE'VE DONE? FUCKED THIS CITY UP ALL OVER AGAIN.
YOU... DON'T GET IT... STILL...
CITY WAS... STAGNATING... CORPS RELOCATING... YOU THINK...
YOU... THINK THIS PLACE CAN BE SUSTAINED... WITHOUT... CORPORATIONS ? NEEDED... A SECOND FLOOD... REBUILDING... IS PROFIT...
WHAT *EVER*, MAN.
GOOD GUYS DON'T DESTROY THINGS.

HAD ENOUGH YET!?
YES, YES! JUST ARREST US ALREADY!
PLEASE!
SEE, ROOKIES? THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT!
NOW GET DOWN HERE AND MOP THESE LOSERS UP OFF THE FLOOR!
MAN, I ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR YOU GUYS... YOU REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE MESSING WITH, HUH?
UH, BOSS?
SO, UM, WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN EXACTLY...?
WHAT PLAN?
I JUST SAID I HAD A PLAN TO SOUND CONFIDENT TO YOU TWO.
LET THAT BE TODAY'S LESSON, KIDS...
IMPROVISE.

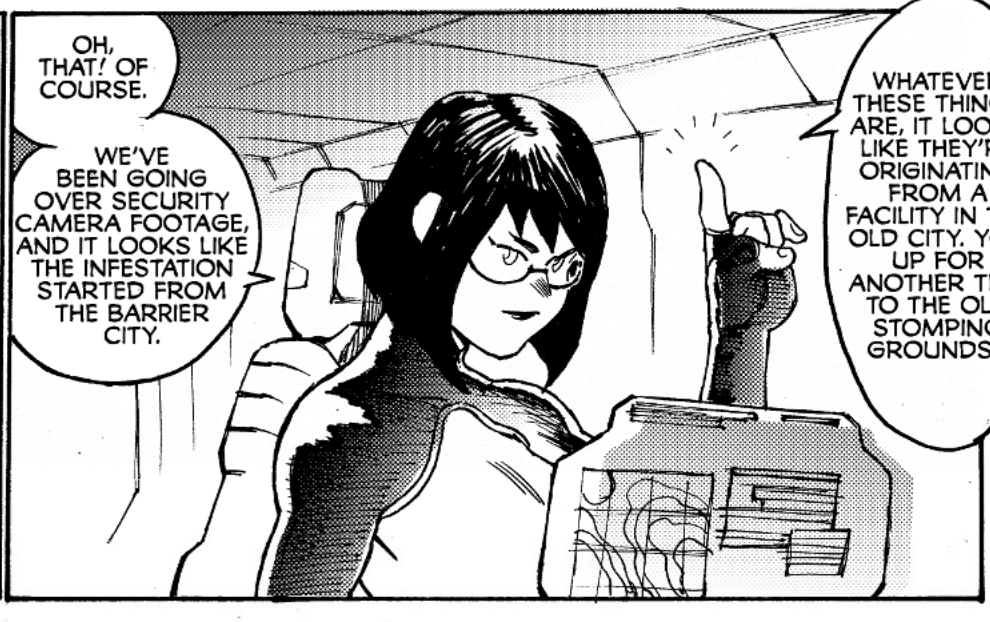
POLICE

HEY, GUYS, JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE AWARE ...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE WORLD MIGHT BE ENDING OUTSIDE.
YES! PERFECT, ISN'T IT!?

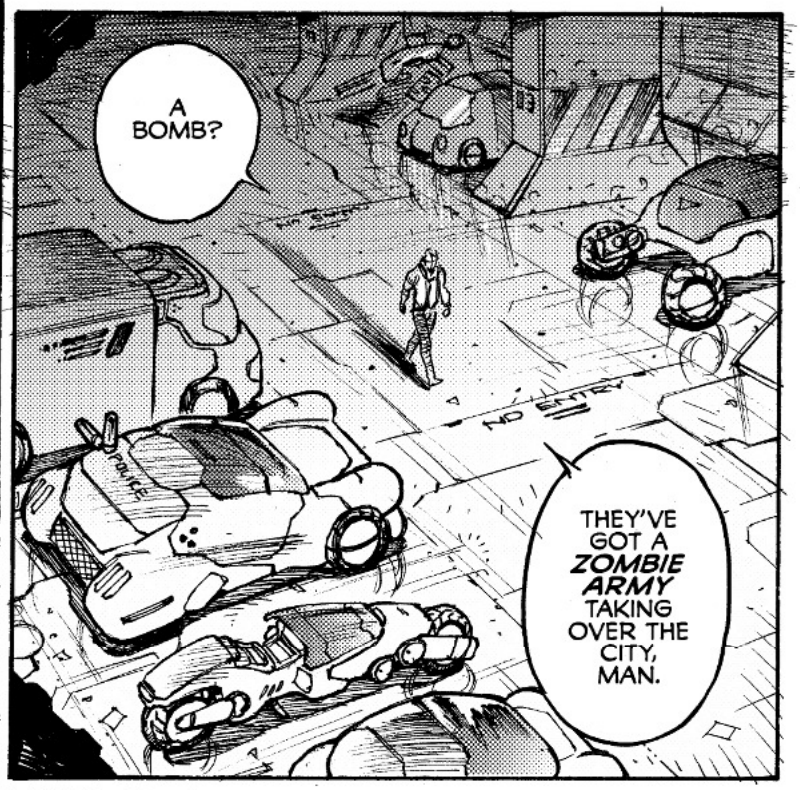
WHY DOES IT SOUND LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE, CHO?

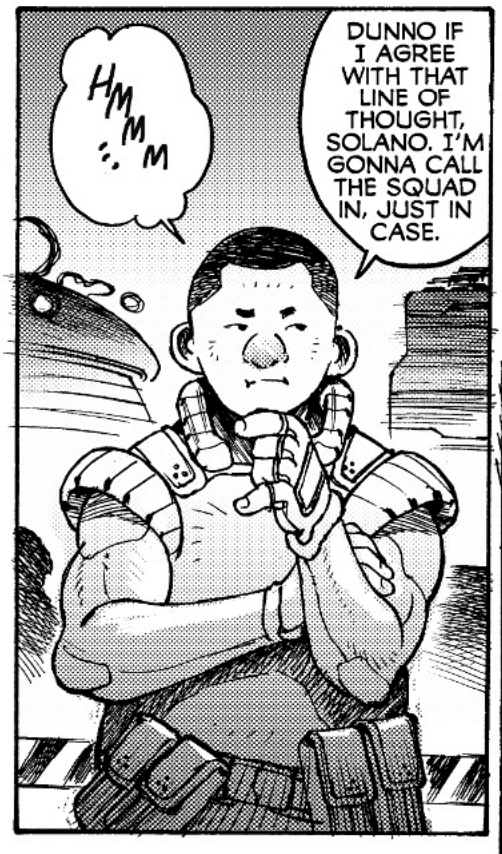

WELL, YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS, SOLANO, BUT I'D ACTUALLY WRITTEN A ZOMBIE-THEMED PIECE OF SDX FANFIC...
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE CLICKS I'M GONNA GET NOW? MY STORY'S LITERALLY COMING TRUE!
WHOSE FICS ARE UNREALISTIC NOW, XXWRITER99!? IN YOUR FACE!
OH MY GOD

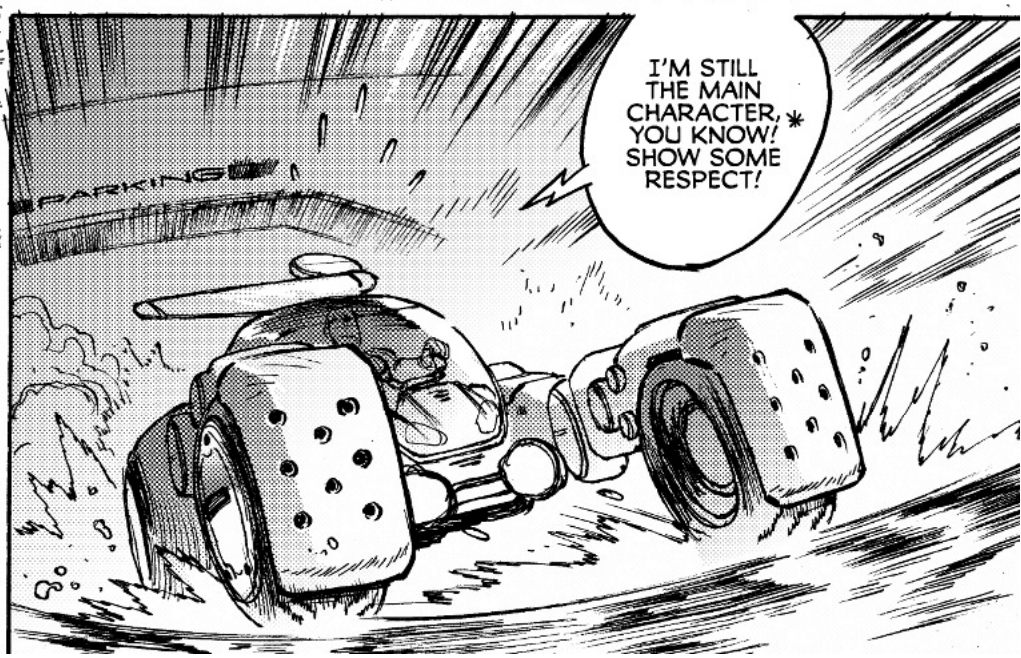
ANY INFO ON THE HORDES OF UNDEAD CYBORGS ROAMING THE STREETS?
ANYTHING AT ALL!?


OH, THAT! OF COURSE.
WE'VE BEEN GOING OVER SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE INFESTATION STARTED FROM THE BARRIER CITY.
WHATEVER THESE THINGS ARE, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ORIGINATING FROM A FACILITY IN THE OLD CITY. YOU UP FOR ANOTHER TRIP TO THE OLD STOMPING GROUNDS?

HQ, THIS IS THERMIDOR!
POLICE
MAN... LOOK AT THE MESS DOWN THERE!
I DROPPED OFF THE CYBORGS WITH THE LOCAL COPS AND I'M RIDING AN MG TO THE OLD CITY!
UGH! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! SOLANO, MAKE SURE I GET BACKUP THIS TIME!
ROGER THAT, ELLA! WAIT, WHA--!?
YOU'RE RIDING ON TOP OF AN MG!? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY SAFETY CODE VIOLATIONS THAT IS? ARTICLES #16 THROUGH #29, PLUS --
I'LL SEND EVERYONE OUT TO MEET YOU NEAR THE BARRIER.
I'LL BE THERE MYSELF AFTER I FIND OUR NEW PAL ...
WOAH, IS THIS FOR REAL?
ZOMBIES? REALLY?
MAYBE IT'S SOME SORT OF REALITY SHOW...
HEY, YOU LIKE COMICS?
BUY OCB
THIS AREA IS NOW QUARANTINED! PLEASE STAY BEHIND POLICE LINES! I REPEAT--







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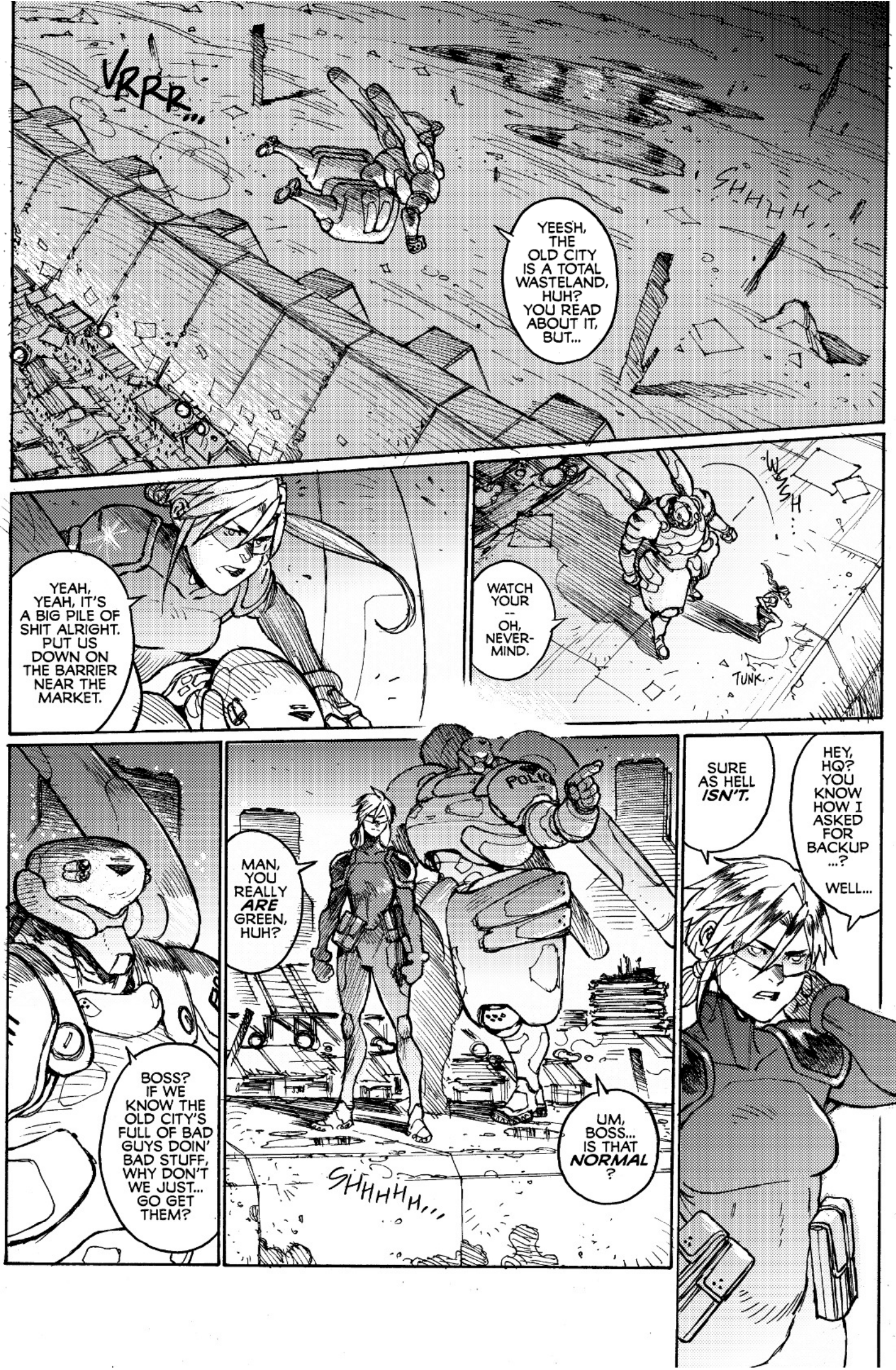
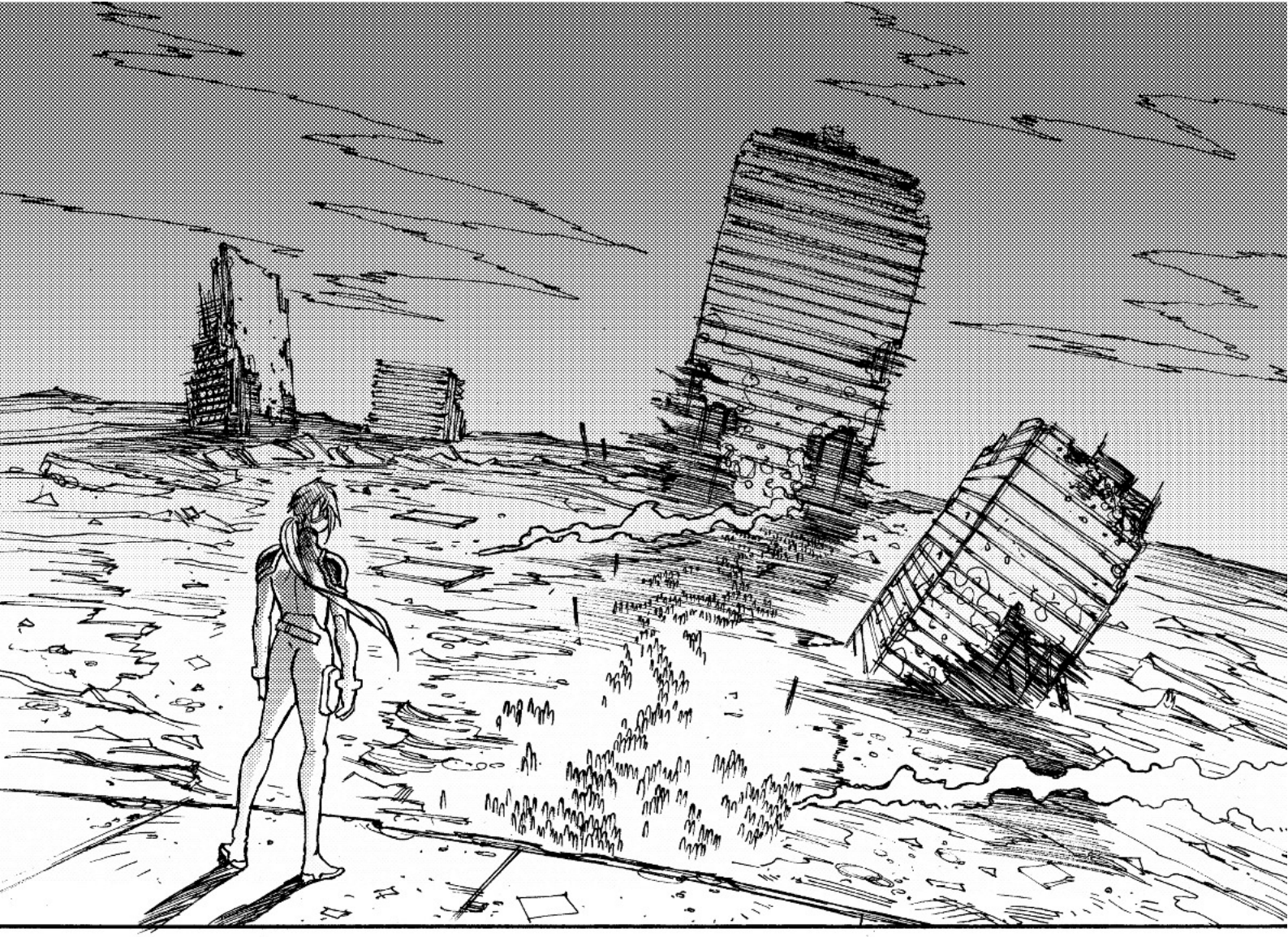
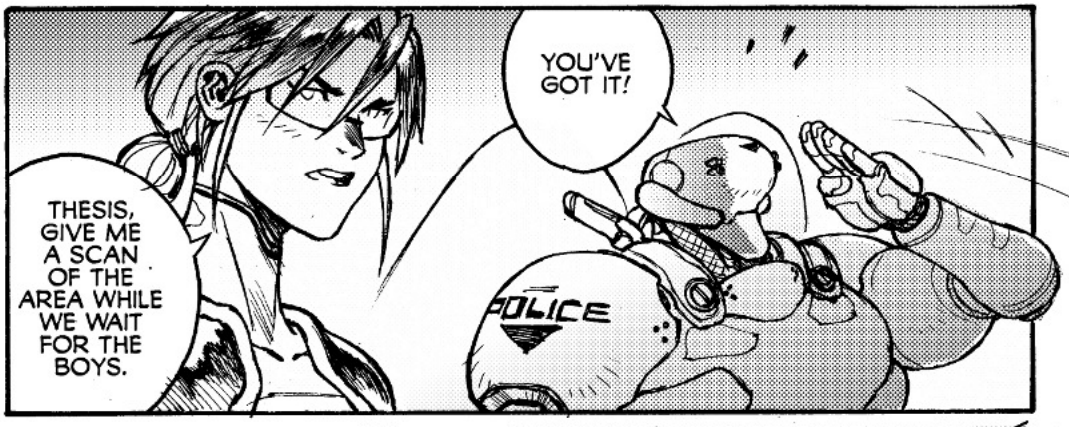
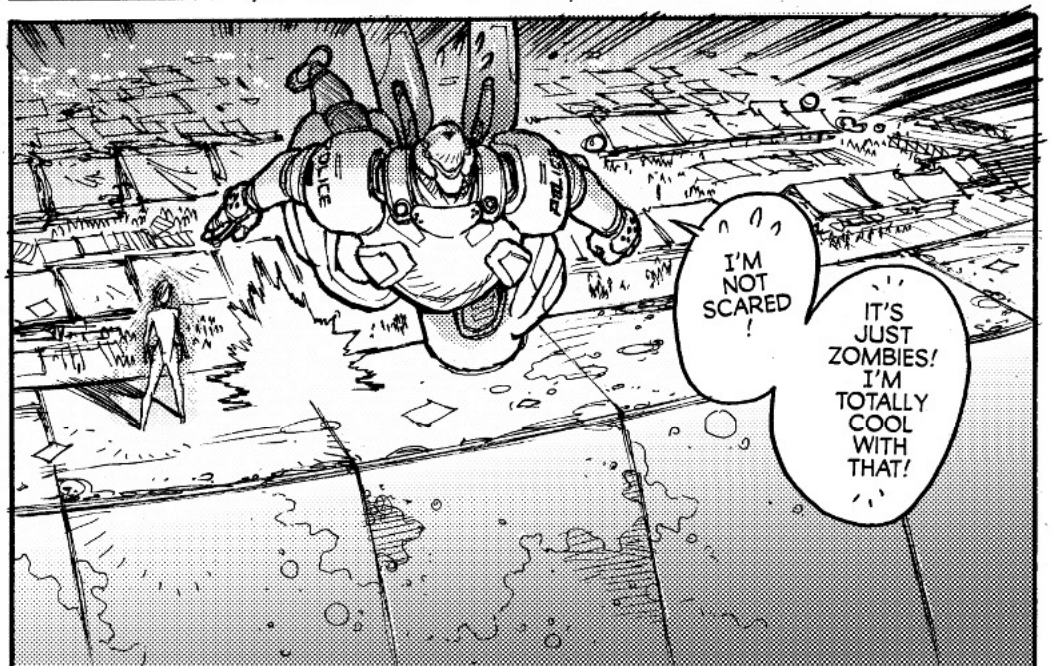

VRRR...
YEESH, THE OLD CITY IS A TOTAL WASTELAND, HUH? YOU READ ABOUT IT, BUT...
SHHHH...
YEAH, YEAH, IT'S A BIG PILE OF SHIT ALRIGHT. PUT US DOWN ON THE BARRIER NEAR THE MARKET.
WATCH YOUR -- OH, NEVER-MIND.
WSSH...
TUNK.
BOSS? IF WE KNOW THE OLD CITY'S FULL OF BAD GUYS DOIN' BAD STUFF, WHY DON'T WE JUST... GO GET THEM?
MAN, YOU REALLY ARE GREEN, HUH?
POLICE
SHHHHH...
UM, BOSS... IS THAT NORMAL?
SURE AS HELL ISN'T.
HEY, HQ? YOU KNOW HOW I ASKED FOR BACKUP ...? WELL...



I'M GONNA NEED *ALL* OF THE BACKUP.


THESIS, GIVE ME A SCAN OF THE AREA WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE BOYS.
YOU'VE GOT IT!
POLICE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I'M NOT SCARED!
IT'S JUST ZOMBIES! I'M TOTALLY COOL WITH THAT!

SHUEUUUCH
SHIT!
STOP RIGHT THERE, BALTIC!
IF THAT'S EVEN YOUR *NAME* AT ALL.
YEESH, SOLANO.
IF I STILL HAD EYEBALLS, I'D BE ROLLING THEM PRETTY HARD RIGHT NOW.
I'M DONE PLAYING, MAN! WE TRUSTED YOU! YOU WERE ONE OF US!
WHAT'S IN THAT BRIEFCASE? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THIS CITY?
=SIGH=
OK, LET'S TALK.

MY GUYS THINK THE BRIEFCASE IS A BOMB, BALTIC.
HA!
PUSH
LISTEN.
WE CAME TO THIS CITY TEN YEARS AGO.
I WAS STILL A COP, BACK THEN.
A REAL ONE, I MEAN.
A COUPLE YEARS LATER, THE BIT ROT BROKE OUT. BIG TIME.
WE BOTH GOT IT.
TOOKS US MONTHS TO GET MOVED INTO CYBORG BODIES.
BY THAT TIME, IT WAS TOO LATE FOR HER.
BEFORE SHE DIED, I MADE AN IMAGE OF HER NEURAL NET.
JUST A STATIC NET, BUT IT WAS BETTER THAN NOTHING.
FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, I'VE BEEN HACKING INTO A BUNCH OF AI'S AND STEALING PROCESSING TIME.
WHAT I DID WAS CREATE A NEW AI USING HER IMPRINT AS THE SEED. THAT'S WHAT I'M CARRYING AROUND IN THE BRIEFCASE.
...
ALL OF THIS IS ILLEGAL, OF COURSE -- BUT IT WAS ALSO EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE. NOT THE STUFF AN HONEST COP CAN AFFORD.
I'M NOT A GOOD GUY, SOLANO.

...
WHAT WAS HER NAME?
KASIA.
LISTEN, I--
I KNOW THIS WON'T BRING HER BACK. I JUST WANTED TO TALK TO HER, ONE LAST TIME.
HONESTLY, BALTIC, I'M NOT HERE TO QUESTION YOUR MOTIVES.
I'VE GOT A ZOMBIE ARMY MARCHING INTO THE BARRIER CITY, AND WOULD LOVE AN EXPLANATION.
I'VE BEEN PLAYING BOTH SIDES, SOLANO.
THEY'RE JUST NOT THE SIDES YOU THINK THEY ARE.
WHILE HACKING THE AI'S, I FOUND SOMETHING.
TRACES OF HAYASHI CODE IN EVERY AI.
AN ENTIRE NET OF SHELL CORPS, ALL WITH AI SYSTEMS.
I FIGURED HAYASHI WERE UP TO SOMETHING, SO I TOOK IT TO THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO I'D DONE DIRTY WORK FOR BEFORE.
HE HAD ME INFILTRATE A HAYASHI-BACKED GANG TO MINE INFO. BUT THE ACCESS THEY COULD GET ME TO THE EQUIPMENT I NEEDED WAS BEYOND ANYTHING THE PM COULD OFFER.
WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THOSE SHELL CORPS SINCE HAYASHI *DIED* AND--
SEE, THAT'S WHERE YOU'VE BEEN WRONG.
HAYASHI *IS* THE NET OF CORPORATE AI'S.

HAYASHI'S ... ALIVE?
NOT QUITE. NOT YET, AT LEAST.
BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE THEIR GOAL.
AND THE ZOMBIE THING?
BROUGHT TO YOU BY HAYASHI CORPORATION AND OUR LOVELY PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF.
AFTER THE HAYASHI INCIDENT, THE ECONOMY STAGNATED. CORPORATIONS STARTED INVESTING ELSEWHERE. JOBS DRIED UP.
THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED SOMETHING TO BRING INVESTORS BACK TO THE CITY.
USUALLY, IT'D BE A WAR. BUT THE REGION IS TOO UNSTABLE FOR THAT. TOO RISKY.
SO THEY WENT WITH THE NEXT BEST THING -- A MANUFACTURED HUMANITARIAN CRISIS. OR WHATEVER THIS IS...
THE *PM* GETS HIS ECONOMIC BOOST, BUT WHAT'S IN IT FOR HAYASHI IN ALL THIS?
FIRST PICK AT NEW DEALS COMING IN, FOR ONE.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, FREE REIGN TO RUN ANY BLACK PROJECTS THEY WANT IN THE OLD CITY, WITH REGULATORS TURNING A BLIND EYE.
ALL AT THE LOW COST OF WIDESPREAD CHAOS AND THE LIVES OF A FEW HUNDRED CIVILIANS.
NOT IF *WE* DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

WAKE UP, SOLANO!
SHHH...
THERE IS NO US.
I DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE TO GET SOME PART OF KASIA BACK. I'M DONE NOW.
I USED YOU GUYS. USED HAYASHI'S GANG. CUT A DEAL WITH THE PM.
DAMN IT, BALTIC!!!
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THIS CITY'S POLITICS.
I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE TONIGHT.
AND WITH ANY LUCK, YOU'LL NEVER HEAR FROM ME AGAIN.
TO BE CONCLUDED!

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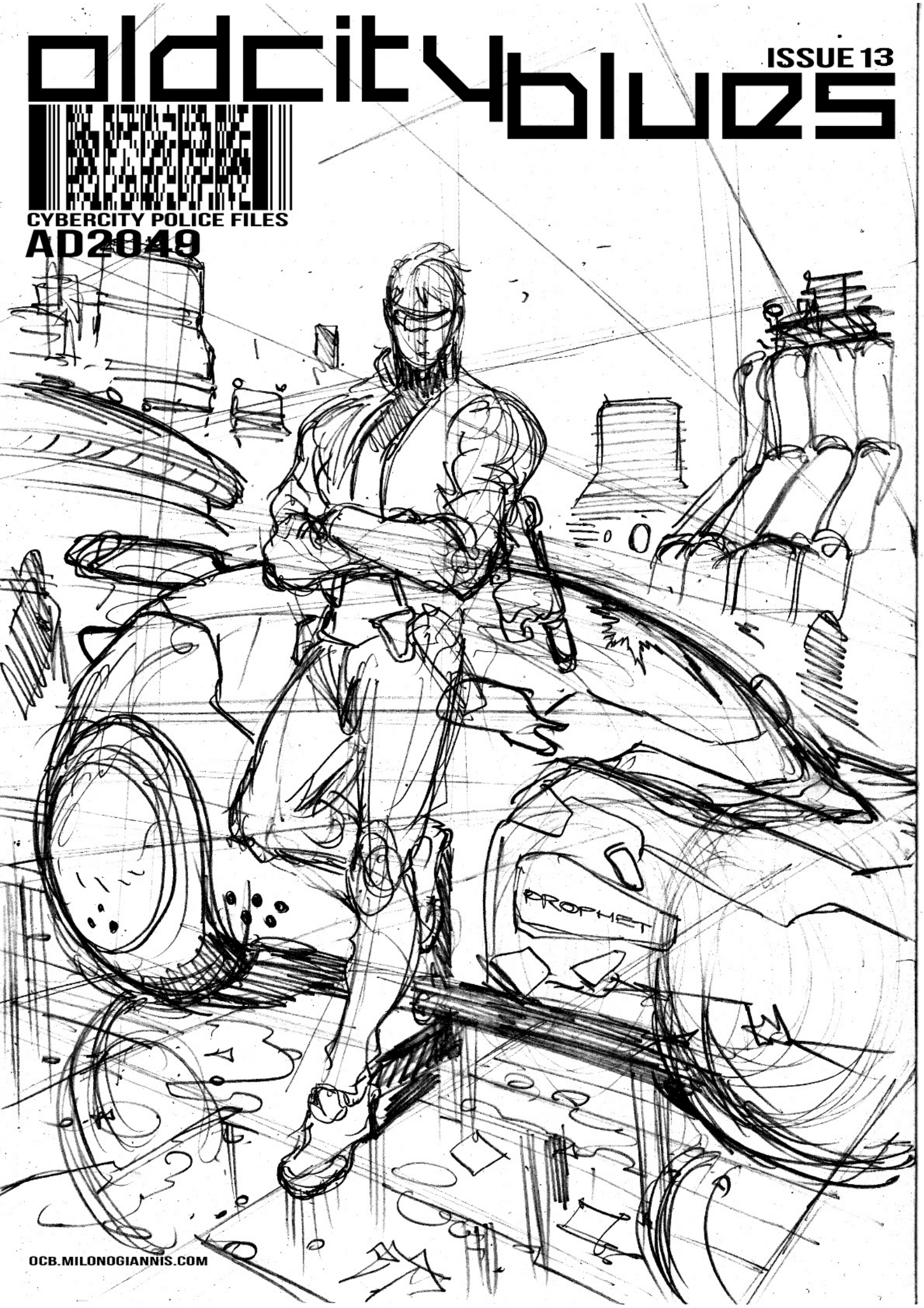

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IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS SINCE I STARTED THIS SERIES. EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT COMICS, IT'S THANKS TO OCB.

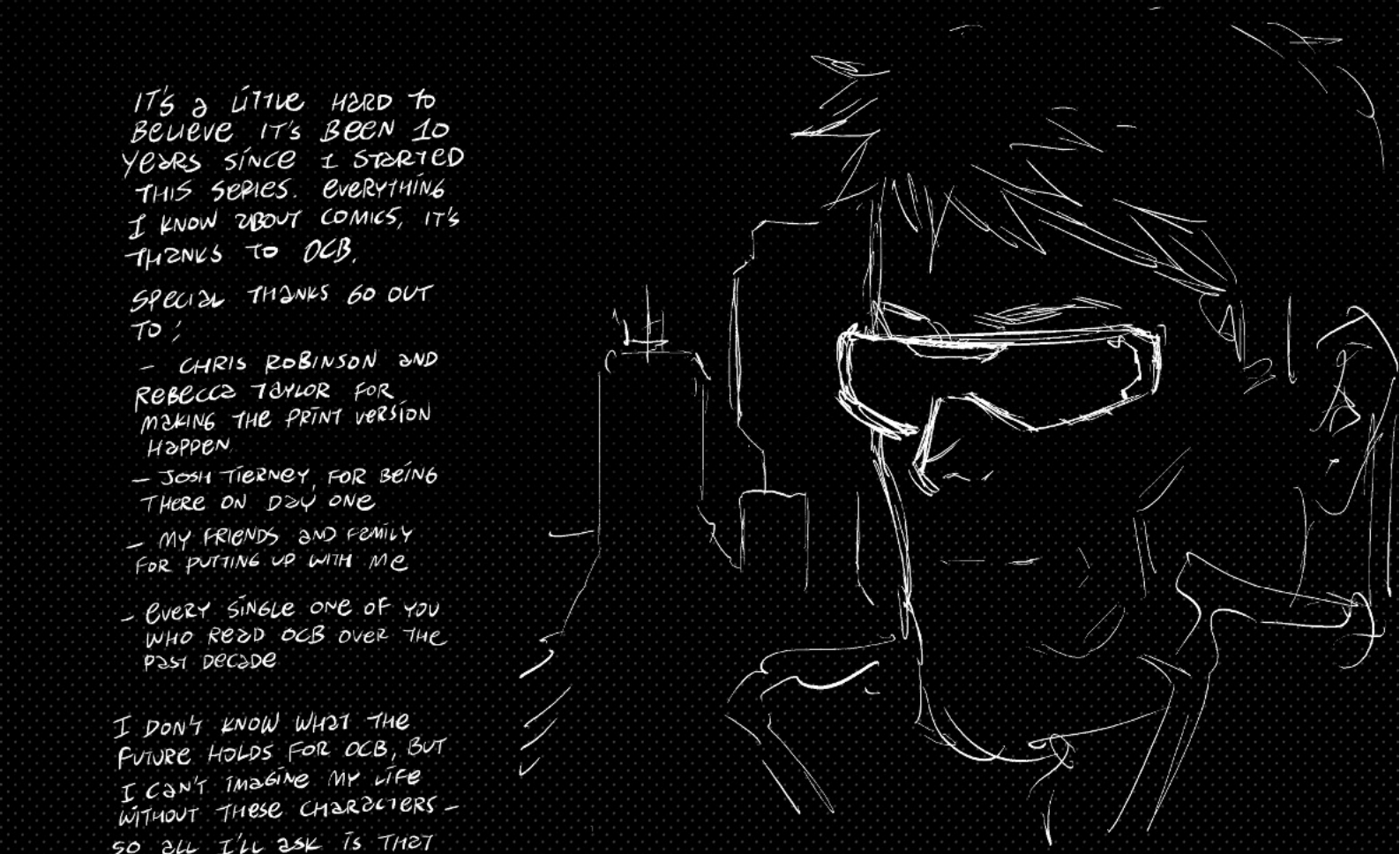
SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO;

- CHRIS ROBINSON AND REBECCA TAYLOR FOR MAKING THE PRINT VERSION HAPPEN
- JOSH TIERNEY, FOR BEING THERE ON DAY ONE
- MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME
- EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU WHO READ OCB OVER THE PAST DECADE

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR OCB, BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT THESE CHARACTERS - SO ALL I'LL ASK IS THAT YOU STICK AROUND AND KEEP EXPLORING THIS CITY — TOGETHER.

THANKS FOR 10 YEARS!

-GUNNIS



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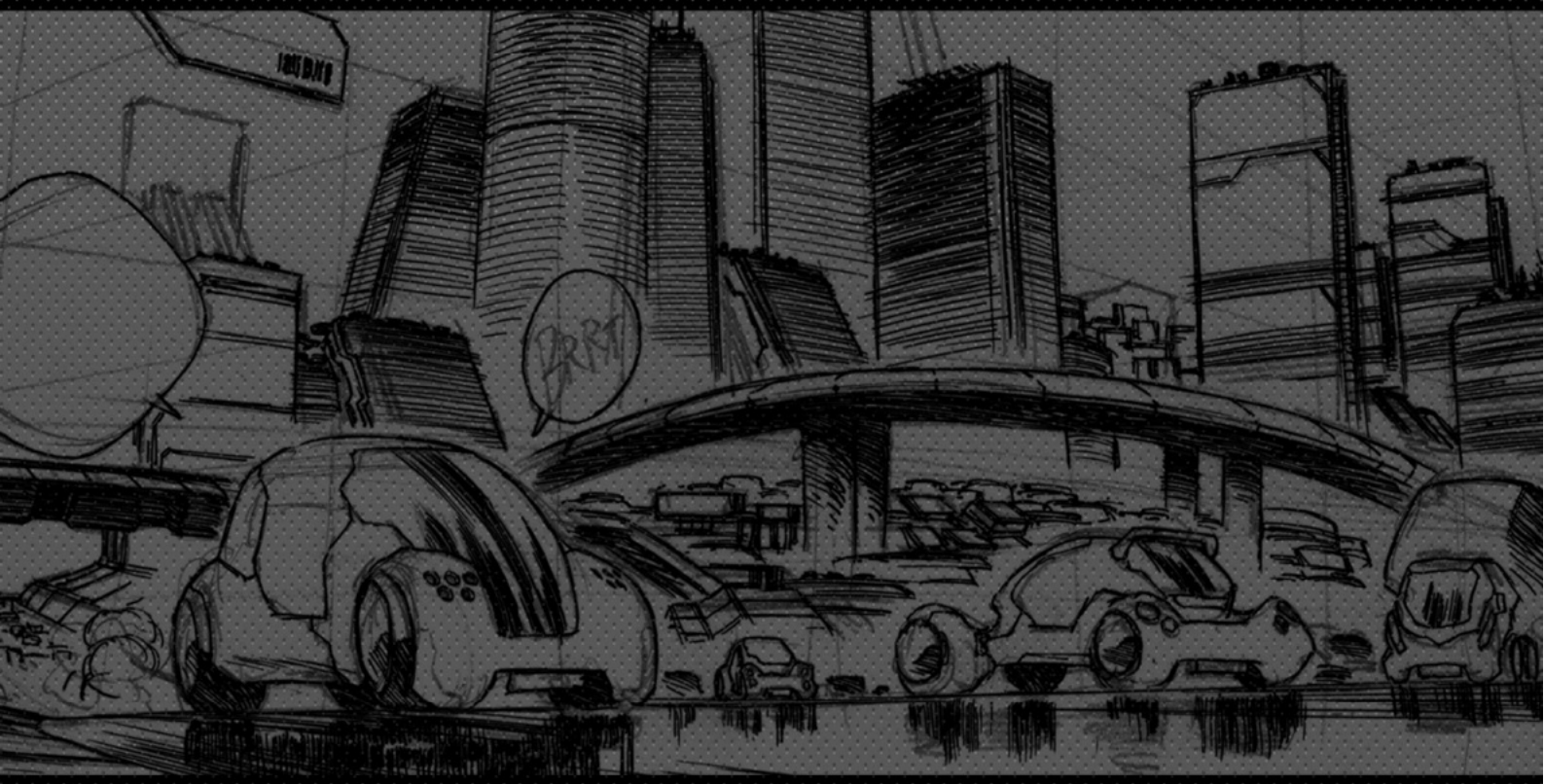
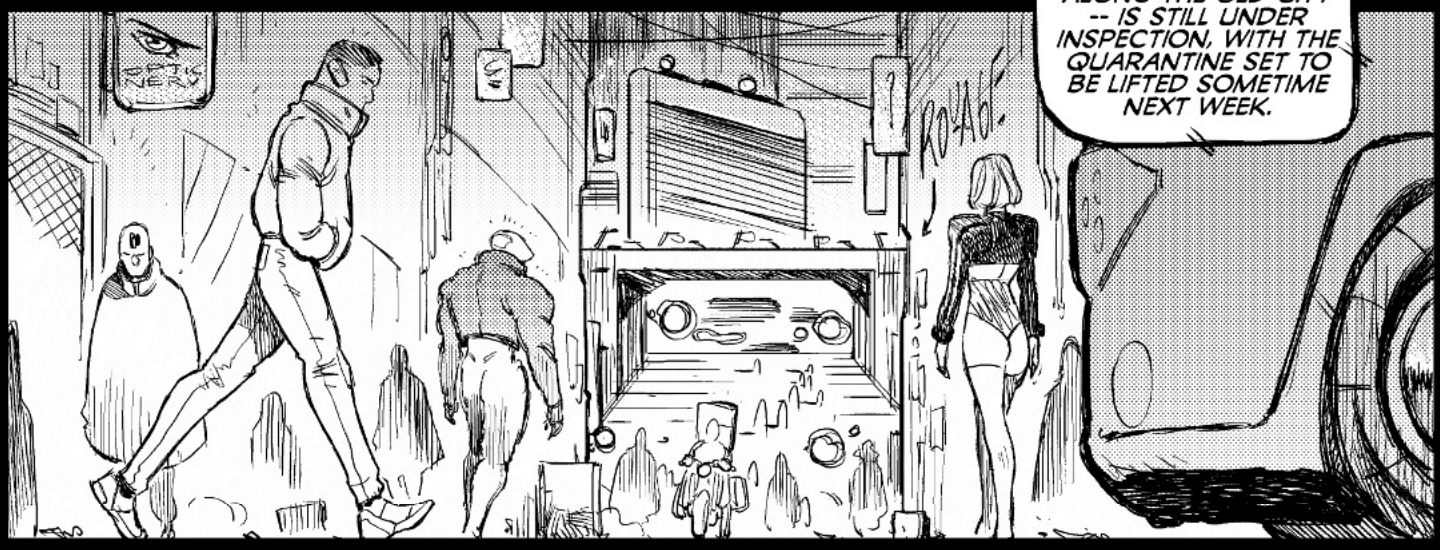
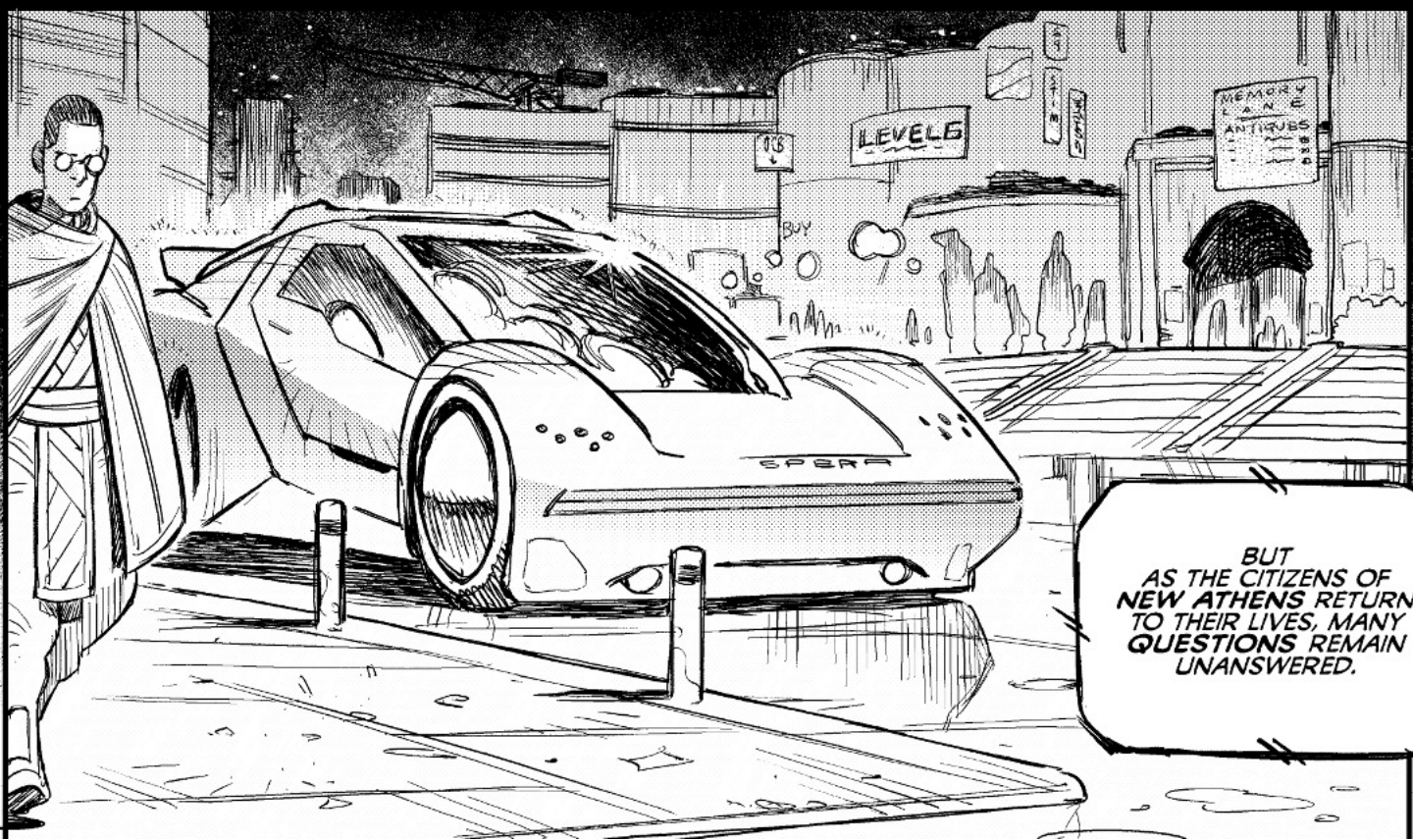


THANKS, JEANNA. IN **OTHER** NEWS:
FINALLY, ALMOST **TWO MONTHS** SINCE THE BIT ROT OUTBREAK, THE CITY IS SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMALCY.


THE MOST HEAVILY AFFECTED AREA -- THE BARRIER ALONG THE OLD CITY -- IS STILL UNDER INSPECTION, WITH THE QUARANTINE SET TO BE LIFTED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.
ROACH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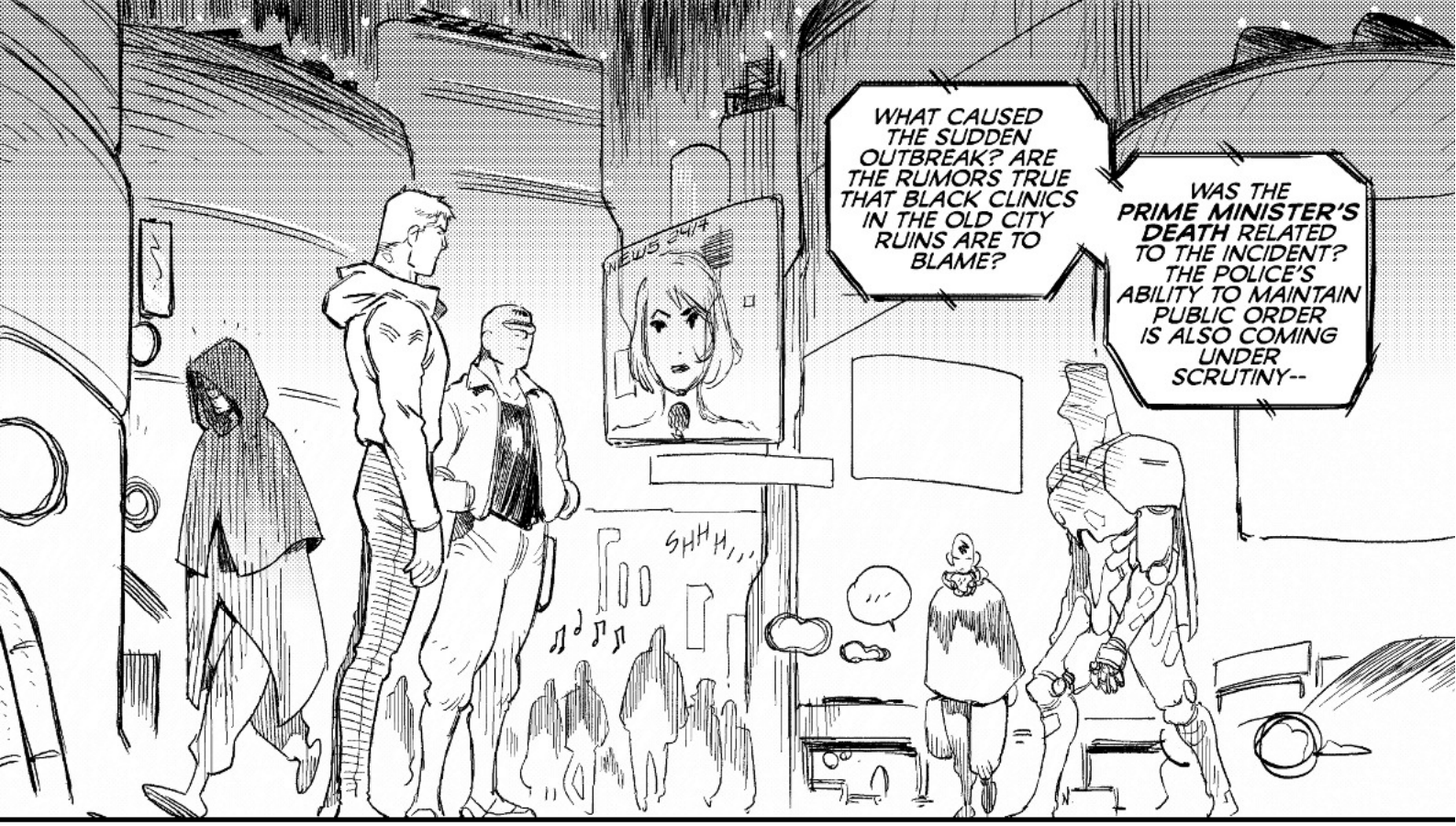
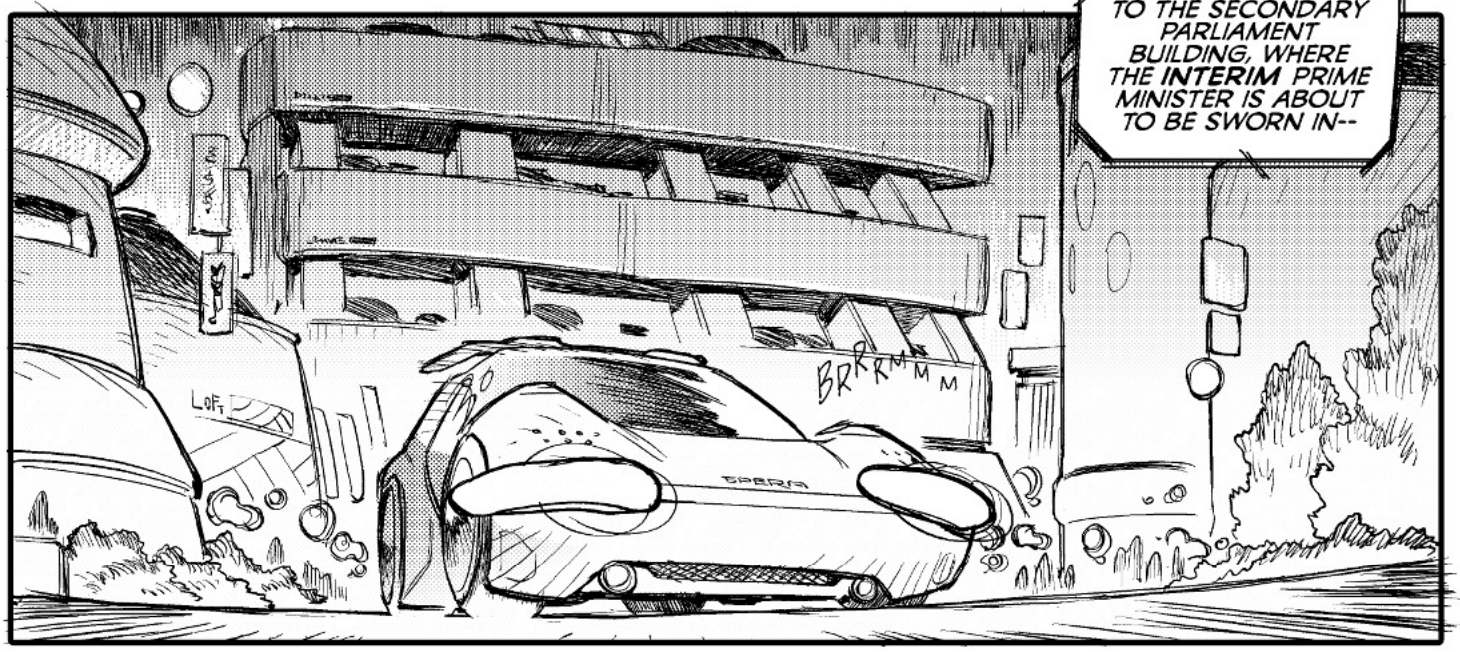
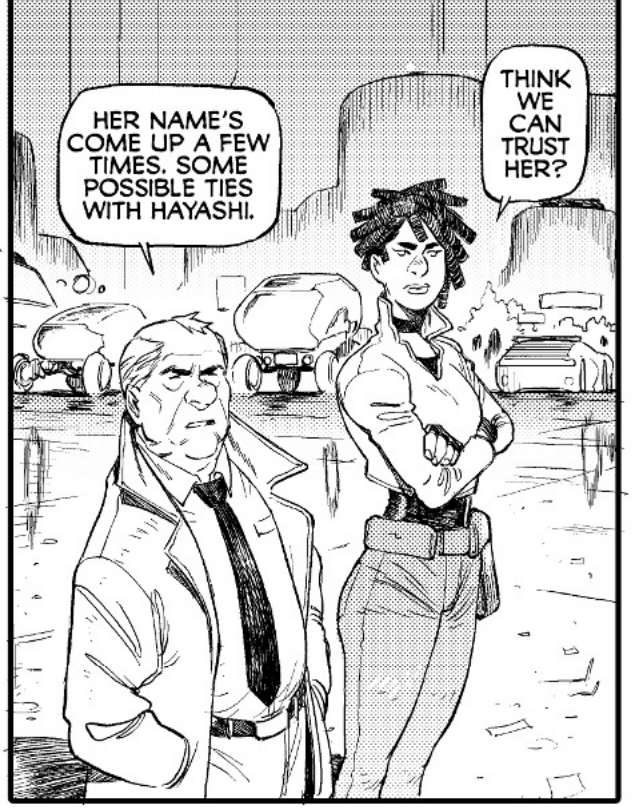
MEMORY LANE ANTIQUES
BUY
BUT AS THE CITIZENS OF **NEW ATHENS** RETURN TO THEIR LIVES, MANY **QUESTIONS** REMAIN UNANSWERED.

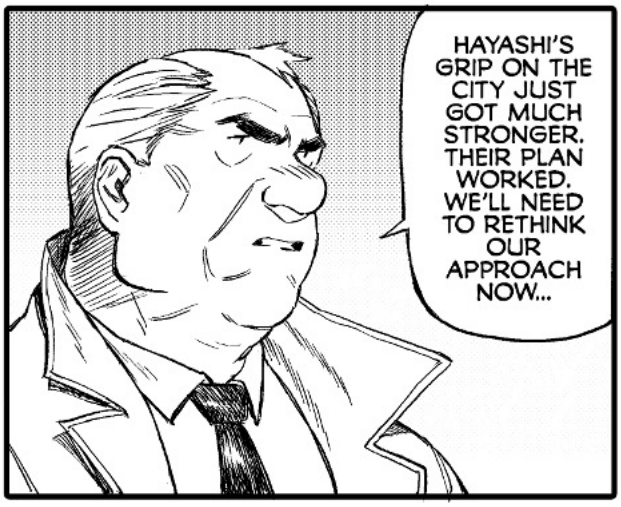

WHAT CAUSED THE SUDDEN OUTBREAK? ARE THE RUMORS TRUE THAT BLACK CLINICS IN THE OLD CITY RUINS ARE TO BLAME?
WAS THE **PRIME MINISTER'S DEATH** RELATED TO THE INCIDENT? THE POLICE'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER IS ALSO COMING UNDER SCRUTINY--
NEWS 24/7
SHHH...

COME ON, MAN. SHOW'S ABOUT TO START.


WE GO NOW TO THE SECONDARY PARLIAMENT BUILDING, WHERE THE **INTERIM** PRIME MINISTER IS ABOUT TO BE SWORN IN--
BRRMMM

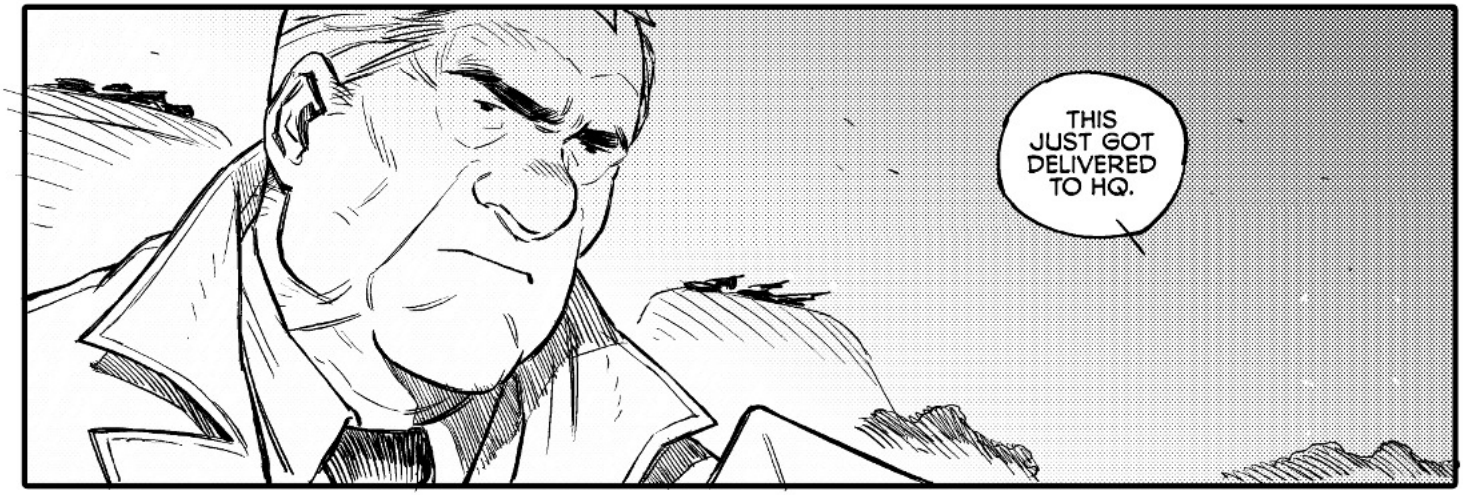
A HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE DCP, ELENA BRANDT WILL TRY TO KEEP THE PEACE UNTIL THE UPCOMING ELECTION, LATER THIS YEAR.
AN ELECTION IN WHICH SHE IS EXPECTED TO --
BRANDT, HUH? KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER, CHIEF?


HER NAME'S COME UP A FEW TIMES. SOME POSSIBLE TIES WITH HAYASHI.
THINK WE CAN TRUST HER?


HAYASHI'S GRIP ON THE CITY JUST GOT MUCH STRONGER. THEIR PLAN WORKED. WE'LL NEED TO RETHINK OUR APPROACH NOW...

FROM NOW ON, LET'S CONSIDER ALL POLITICIANS AS HAYASHI AFFILIATES. EVEN THE ONES WE THOUGHT WERE FRIENDS.

CHIEF, THERE YOU ARE! TAKE A LOOK...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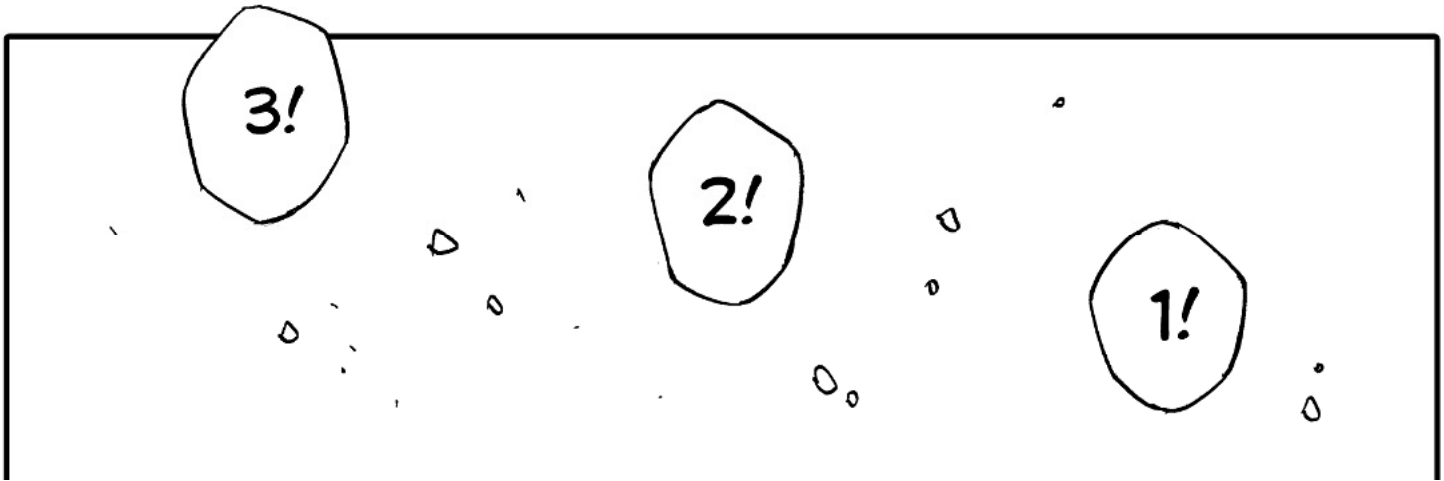
3!
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1!

HEY, EVERYBODY! IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK! ARE YOU READY TO DANCE!?
ASURAN!
ASURAN!
ASURAN!
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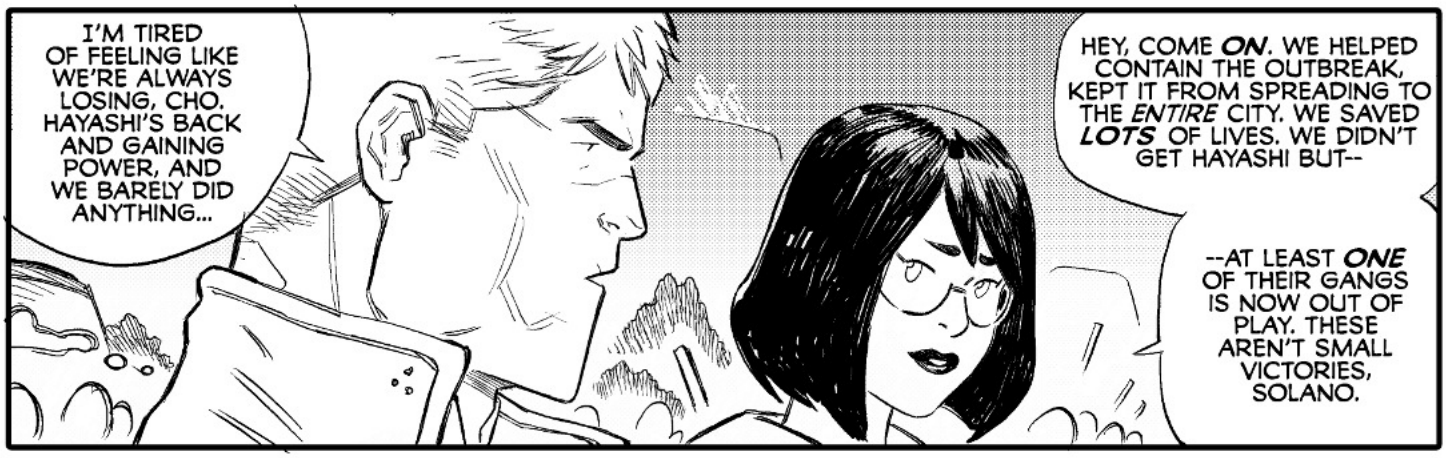
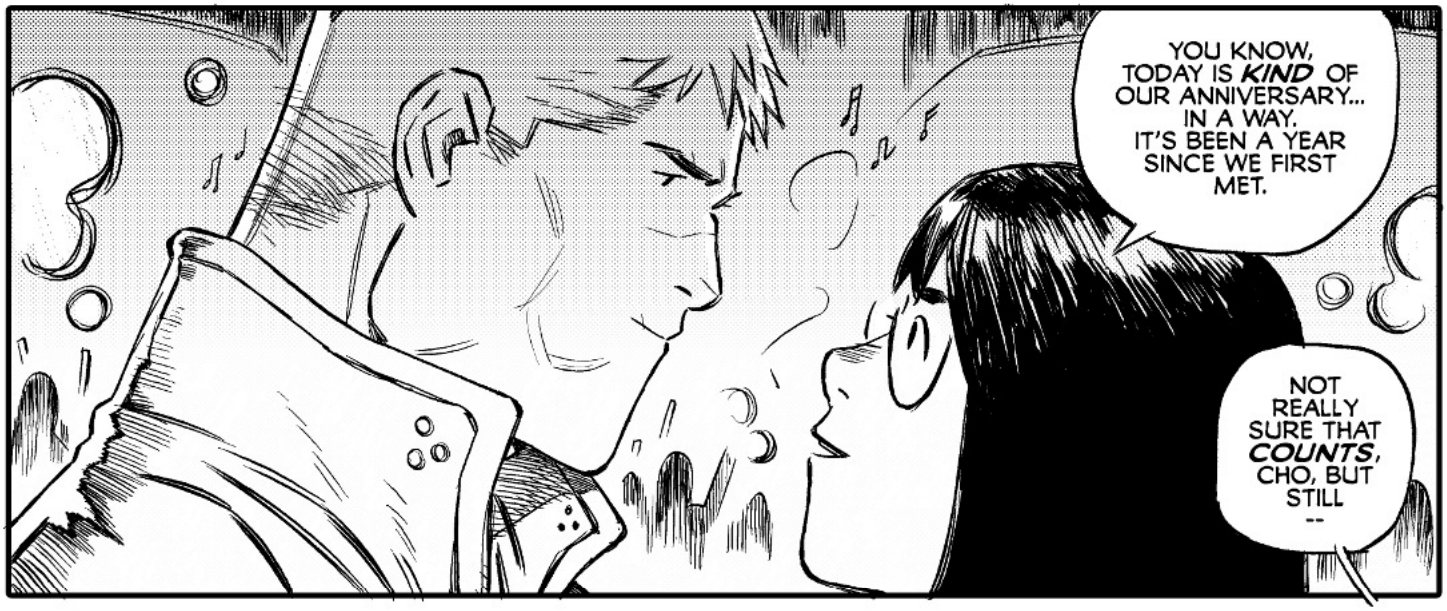
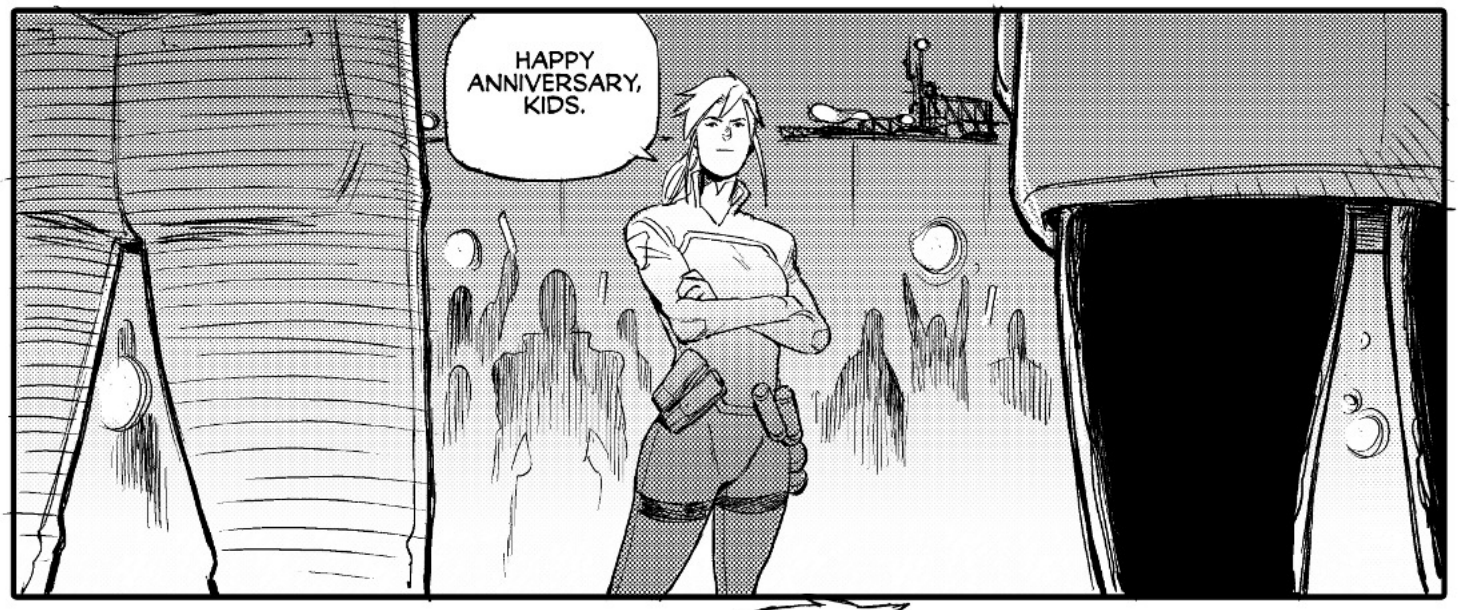
ALL THAT RUNNING AROUND, AND ALL WE DID WAS HELP BRING THIS IDOL BACK ONLINE...
HEY, COMP TICKETS TO AN ASURAN SHOW, THOUGH! NOT TOO SHABBY!


I'M TIRED OF FEELING LIKE WE'RE ALWAYS LOSING, CHO. HAYASHI'S BACK AND GAINING POWER, AND WE BARELY DID ANYTHING...
HEY, COME ON. WE HELPED CONTAIN THE OUTBREAK, KEPT IT FROM SPREADING TO THE ENTIRE CITY. WE SAVED LOTS OF LIVES. WE DIDN'T GET HAYASHI BUT--
--AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR GANGS IS NOW OUT OF PLAY. THESE AREN'T SMALL VICTORIES, SOLANO.

AND--LOOK AROUND! PEOPLE ARE SAFE, HAVING FUN!
THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE!
COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER, TOO.
HEY


YOU KNOW, TODAY IS *KIND* OF OUR ANNIVERSARY... IN A WAY. IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE FIRST MET.
NOT REALLY SURE THAT *COUNTS*, CHO, BUT STILL --


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, KIDS.

HERE. A GIFT.
THIS CAME IN JUST HALF AN HOUR AGO. WE'RE PRETTY SURE IT'S FOR YOU, SINCE IT'S GOT YOUR NAME ON IT AND ALL.

SOL

YO!
THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE OF INTEREST, SORRY I PUNCHED YA!
-B
WHAT IS IT, SOLANO? FAN-MAIL?
IT'S CUTE THAT SHE ISN'T EVEN JOKING WHEN SHE ASKS THAT.
LOOKS LIKE BALTIC'S NOT AS BAD A GUY AS HE THINKS. THIS DRIVE COULD HAVE INFO ON HAYASHI ON IT.
OH, EVEN BETTER! WANNA GO BACK TO HQ AND CHECK IT OUT?
SURE, BUT LET'S GET A DRINK ON THE WAY. NOT MUCH OF A CELEBRATION OTHERWISE, RIGHT?
YES! THERMIDOR, JOIN US FOR A BEER? PLEASE?

FFFSH...
WSHH...
OK, BUT YOU'RE BUYING!
HA! FIRST ROUND'S ON SOLANO!
H-HEY! YOU INVITED HER!
HA HA HA!
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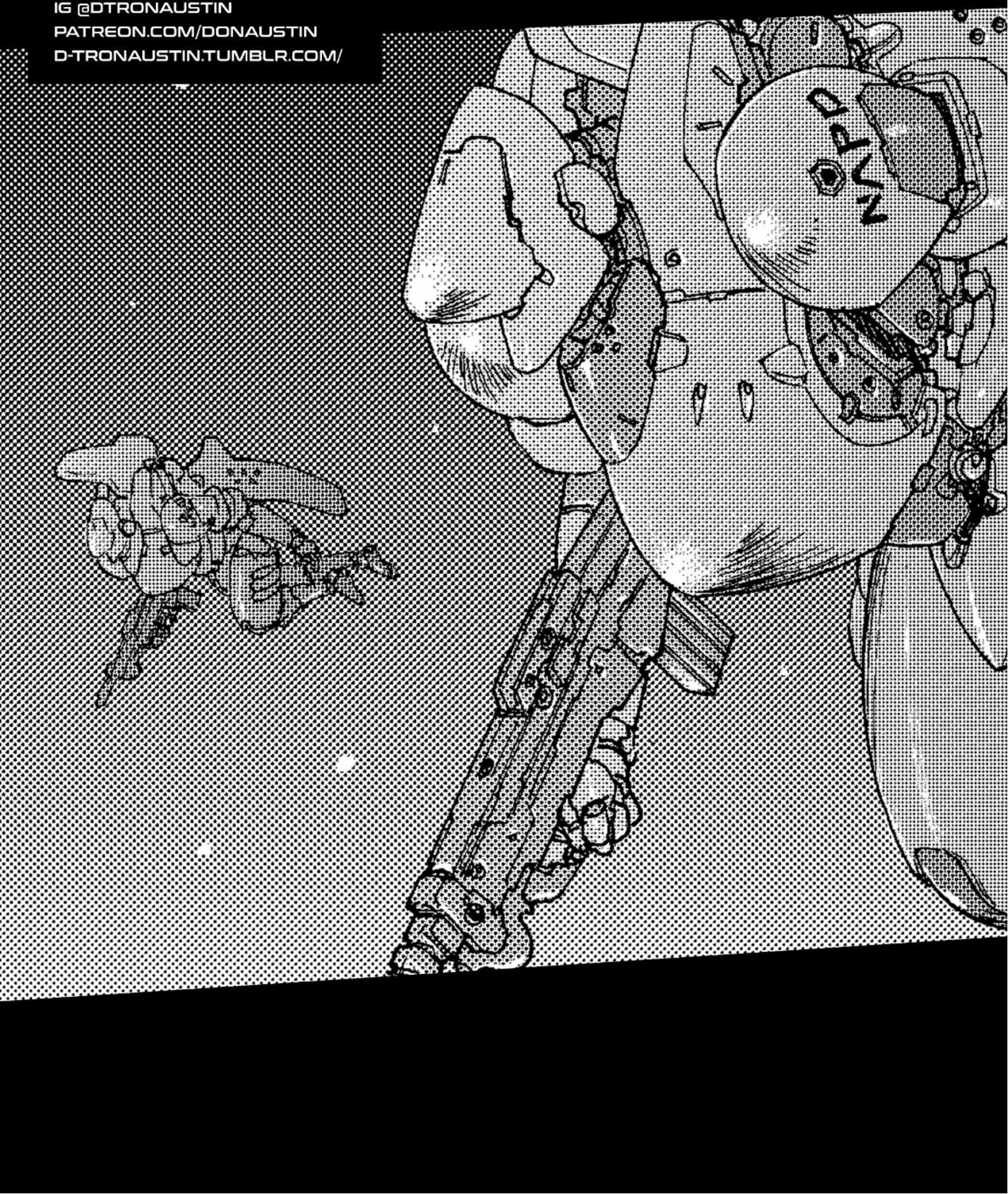
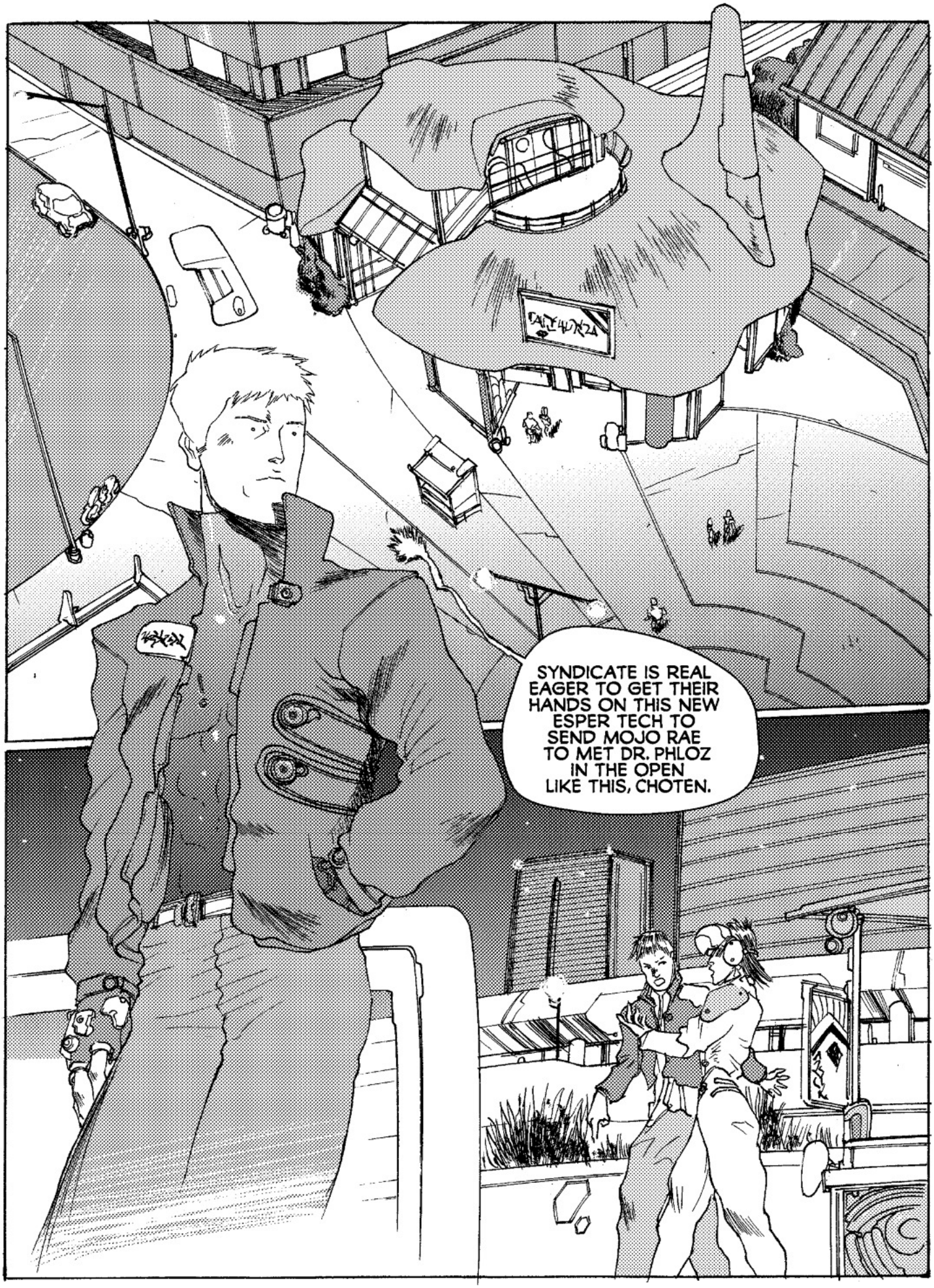
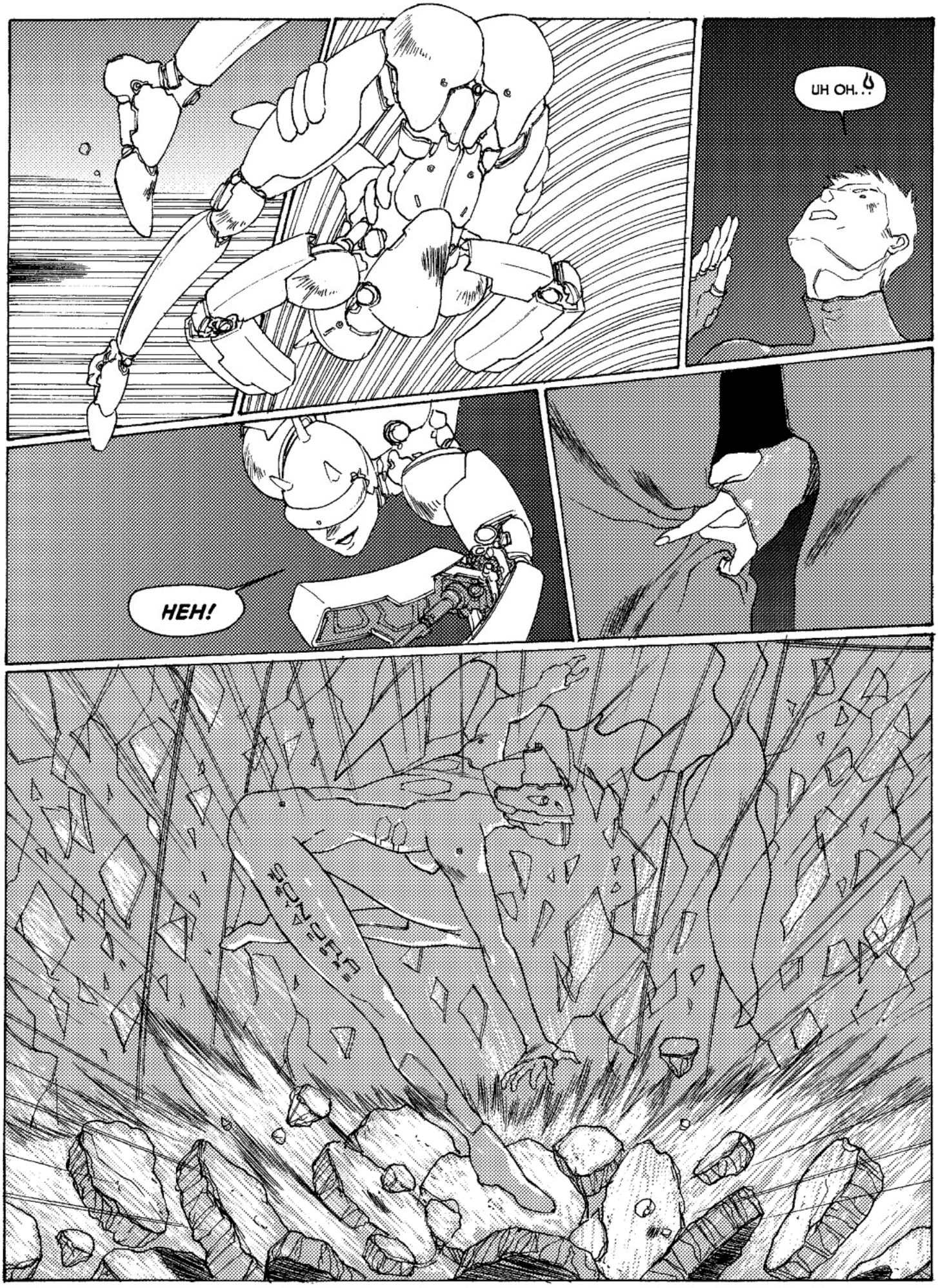


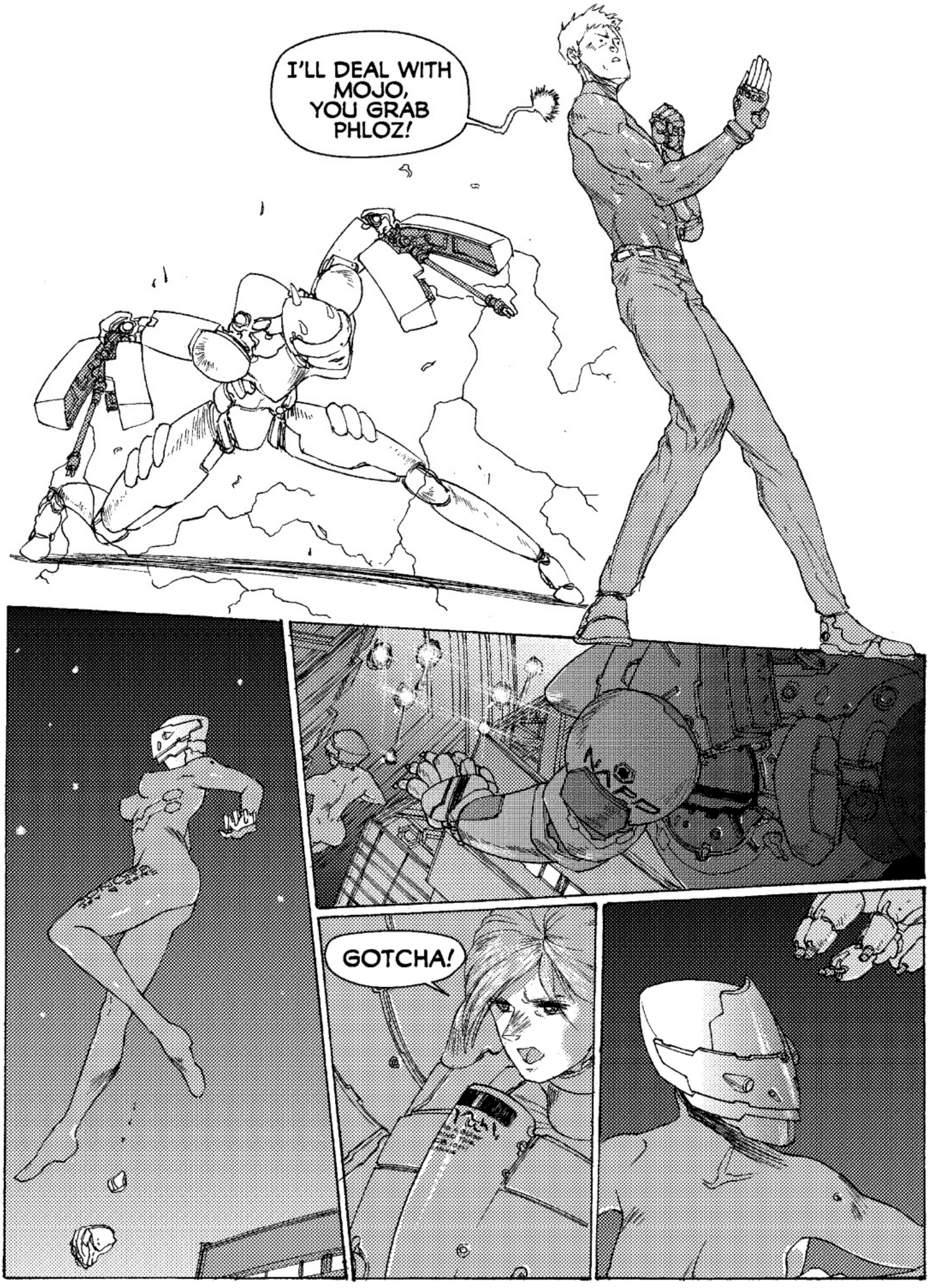

SYNDICATE IS REAL EAGER TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS NEW ESPER TECH TO SEND MOJO RAE TO MET DR. PHLOZ IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS, CHOTEN.

SONORA GENETICS CORP IS COLLAPSING AND A LOT OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE JUMPING SHIP WITH WHATEVER THEY HAVE.
THE FILES I HACKED SAY DR. PHLOZ HAS BEEN WORKING ON A MICRONIZED PSIONIC WEAPON.
SYNDICATE REALIZED THEIR MISTAKE WITH JOTA, MUST BE DESPERATE TO NOT LET A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY SLIP AWAY.
GUESS WE ALL HAVE LARCENY IN OUR HEARTS WHEN THE CHECKS START BOUNCING.
THERMIDOR'S MOBILE GUN UNIT IS IN POSITION. EID! AND NEWBERG SHOULD BE THERE TOO.
TRANSMITTING SPECS NOW.

THERMIDOR, YOU GOOD?
ALL SET, SOLANO. WE HAVE VI-COM.
NEURO HARP
EIDI! NEWBERG! I HAVE YOU ON OP-SYNC NOW. YOU SET?

*Taking it off because Solano really doesn't want to ruin this jacket, it's totally not because the artist designed it on the page and found it a pain in the ass to redraw, and was desperate to figure out a way to get it off of Solano. . .


UH OH..
HEH!


I'LL DEAL WITH MOJO, YOU GRAB PHLOZ!
GOTCHA!

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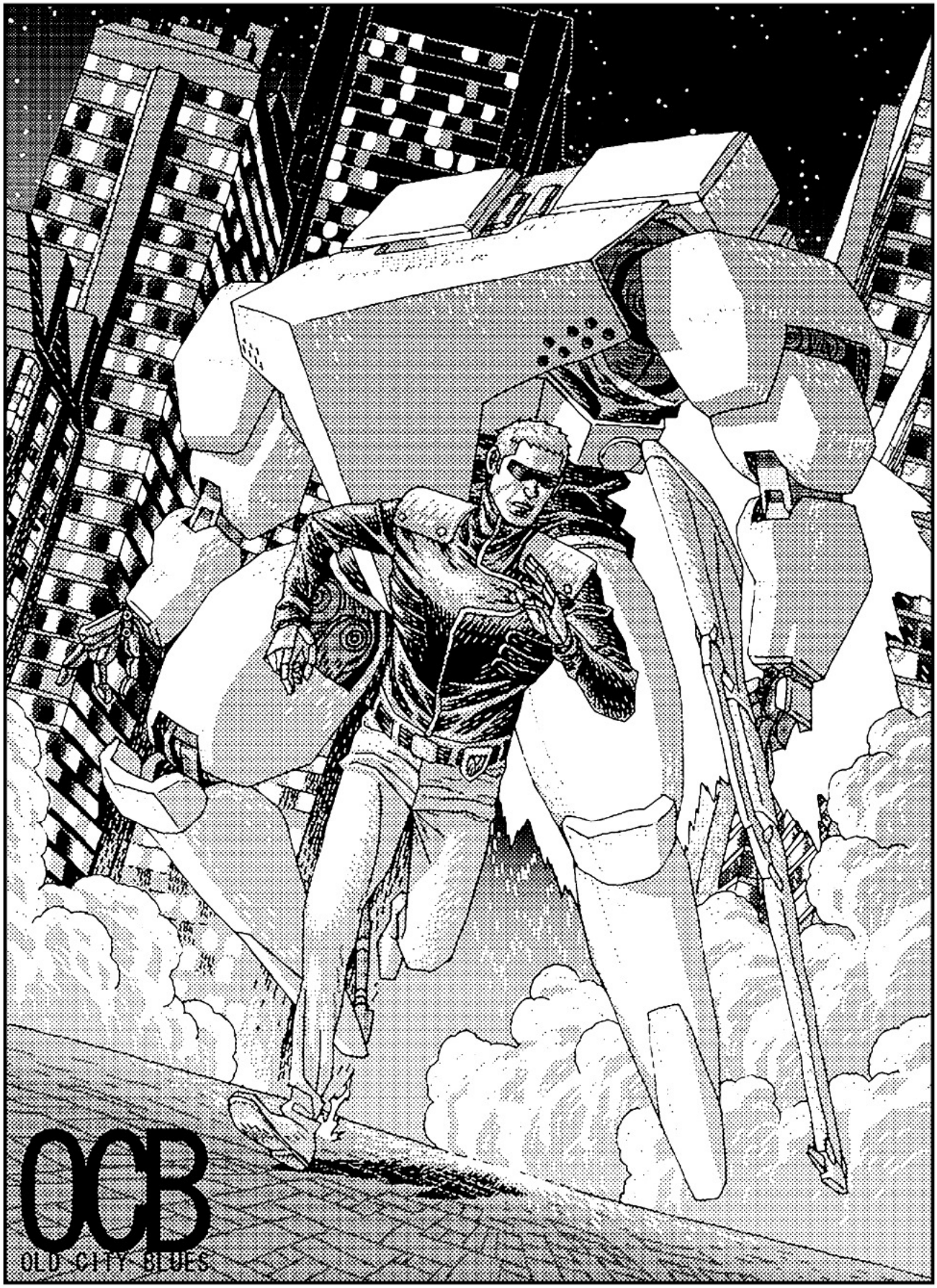

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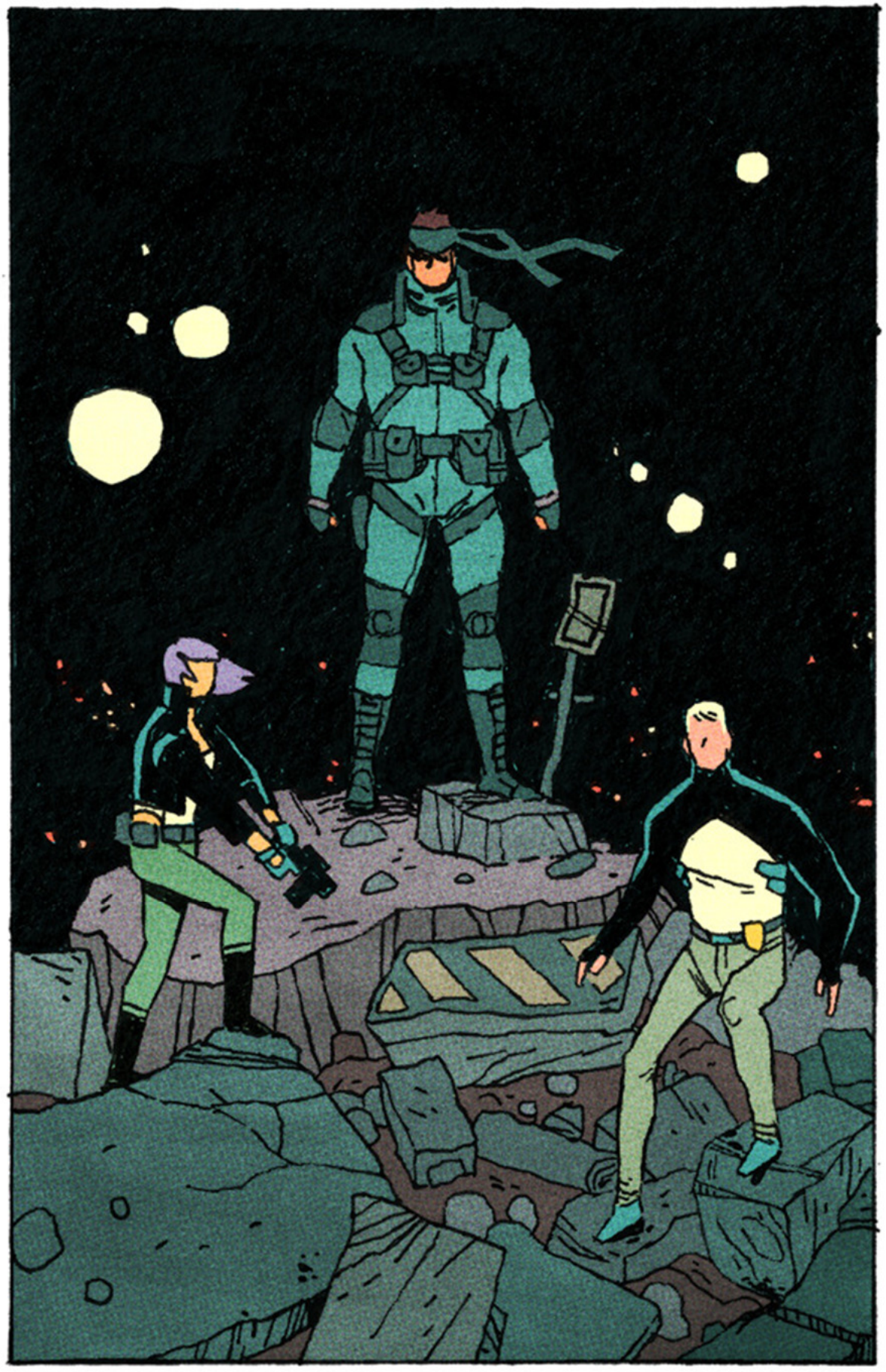

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by Tonci Zonjic
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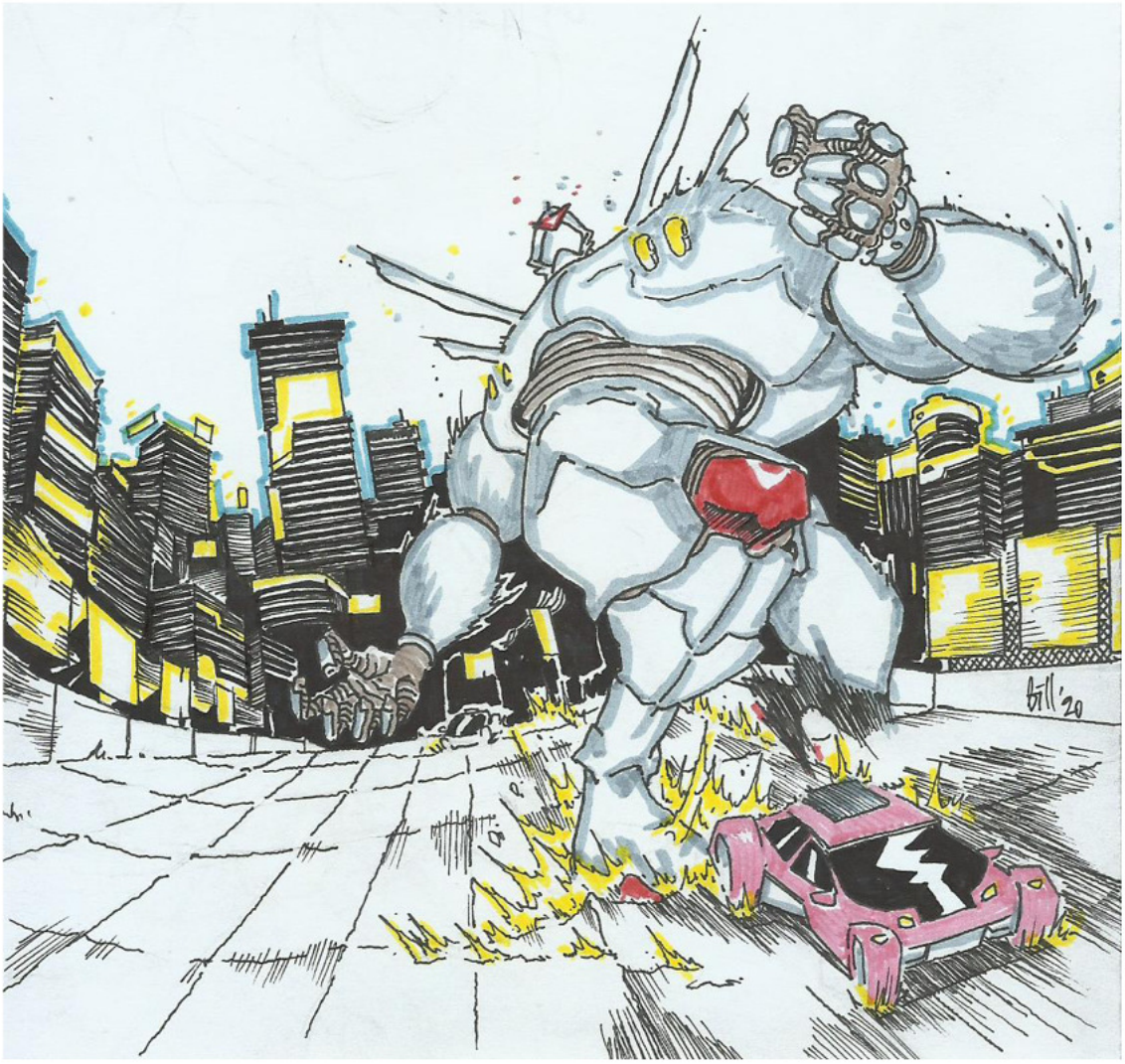

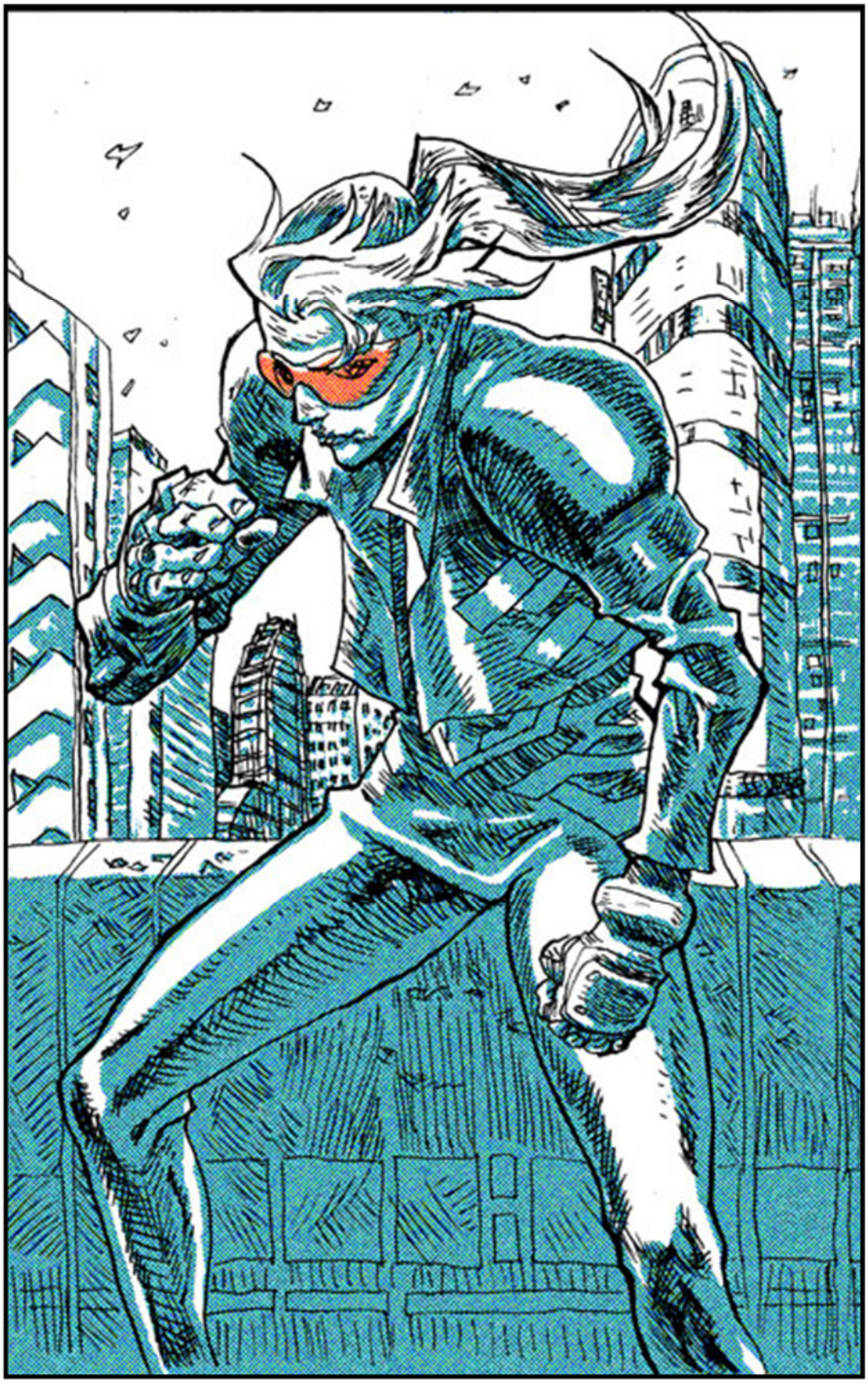

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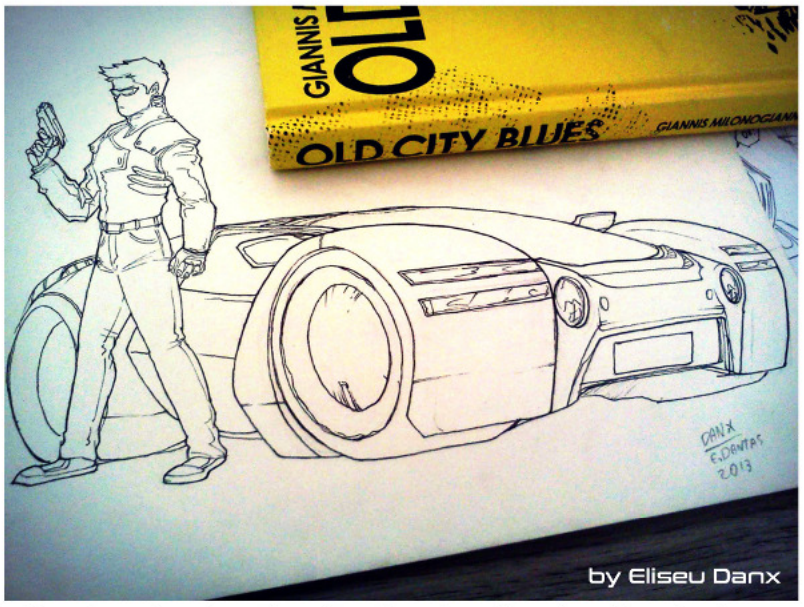

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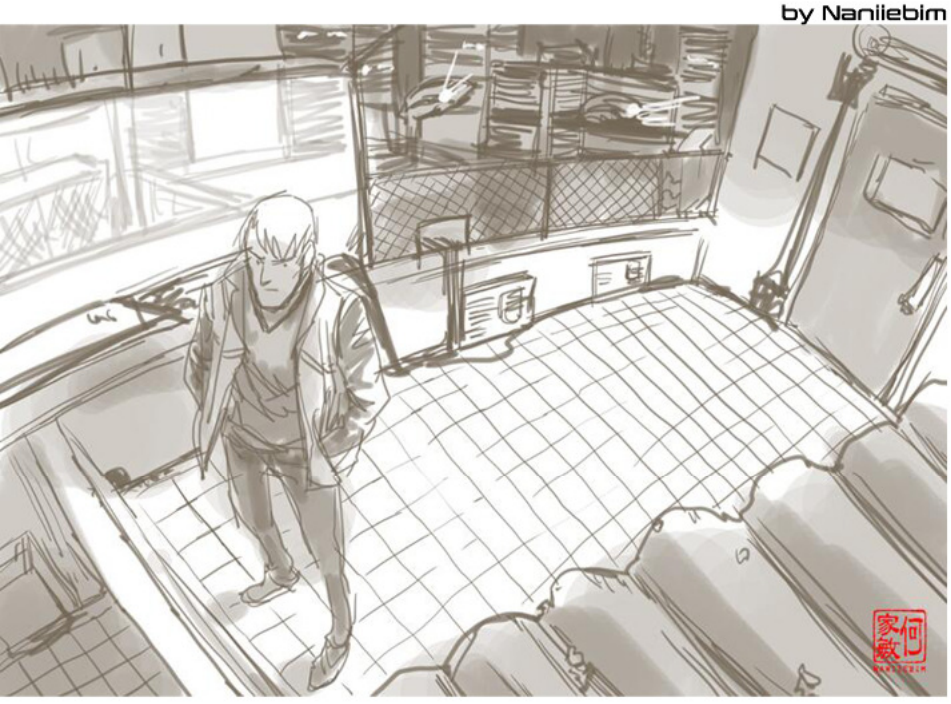

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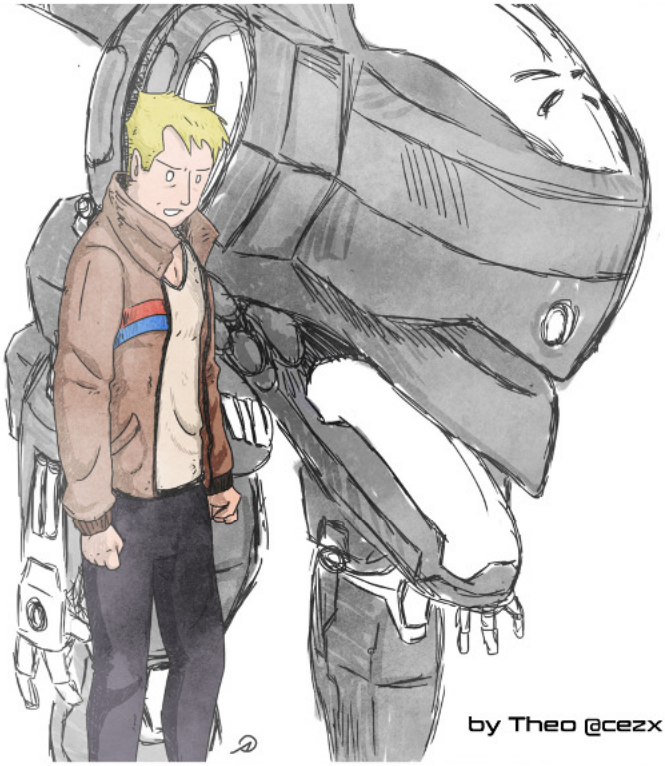

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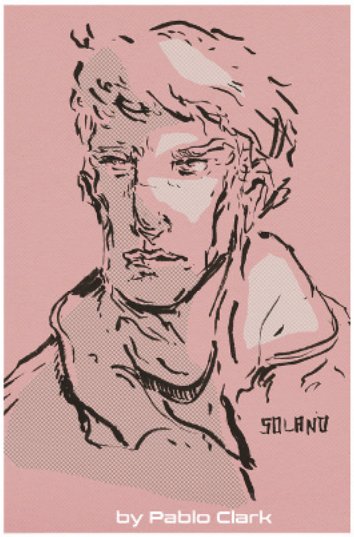

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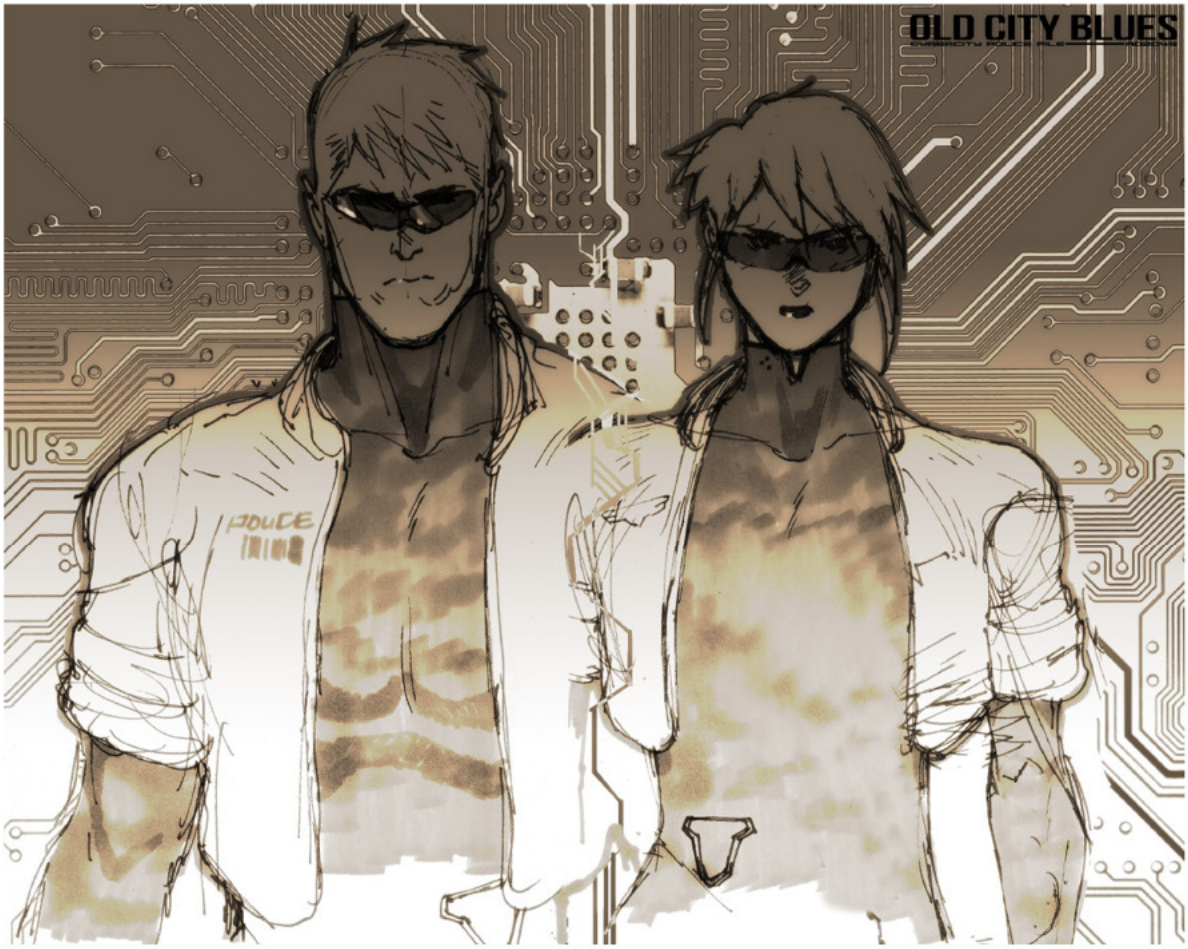
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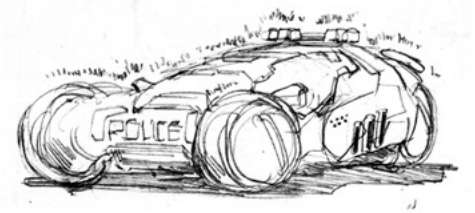
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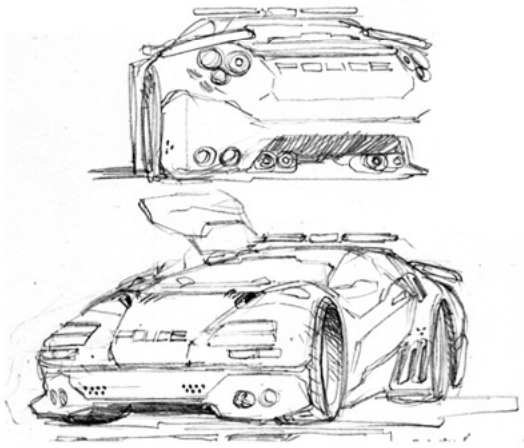
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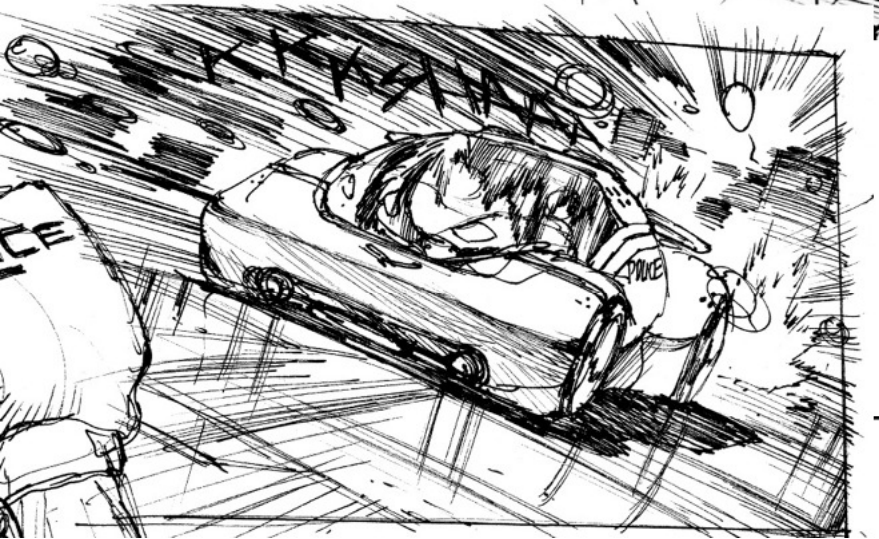
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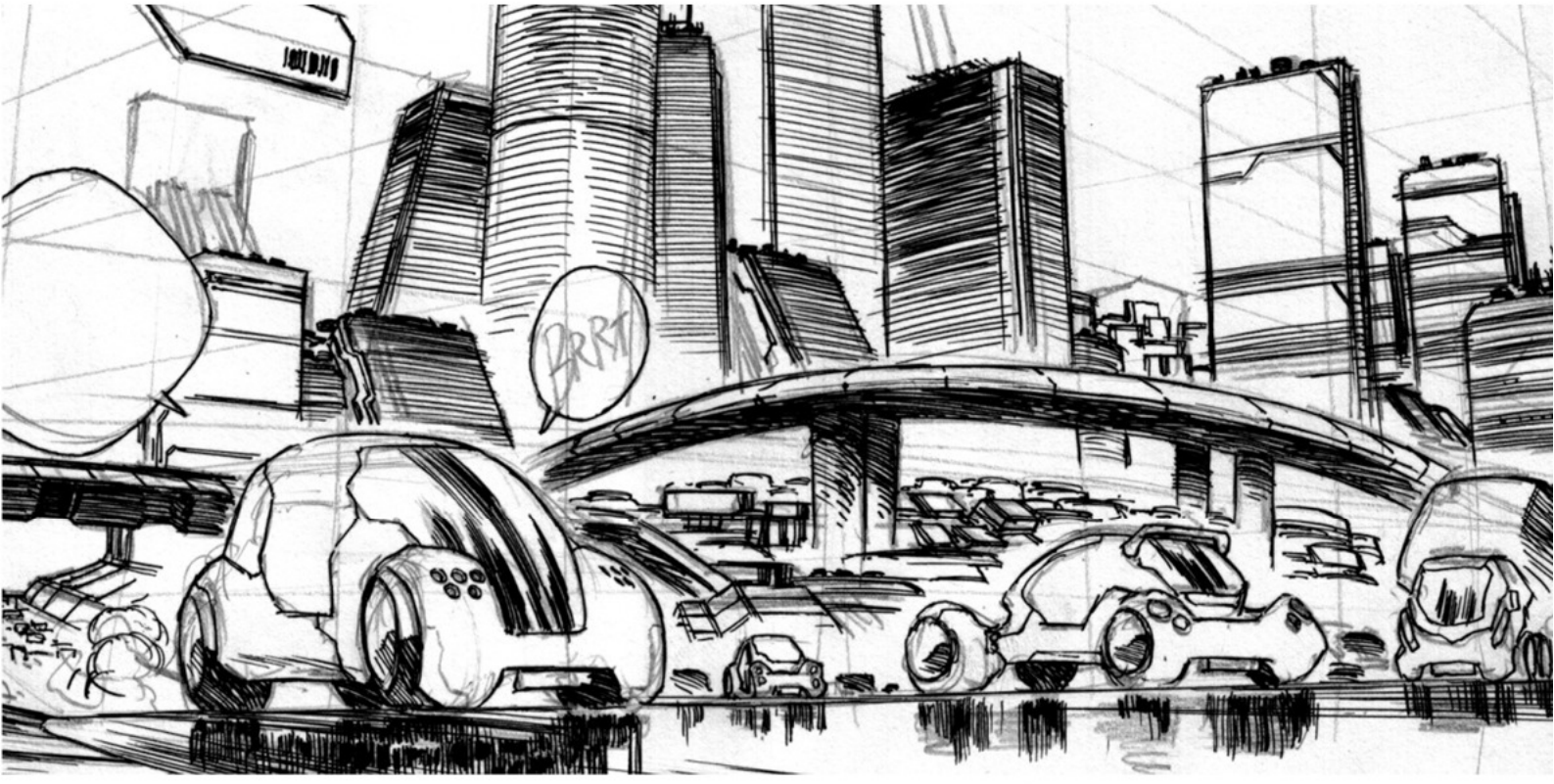
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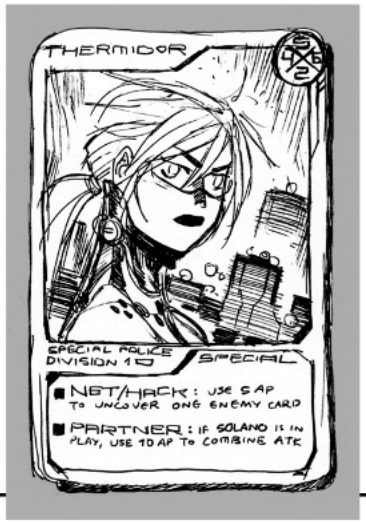
SOLANO
SPECIAL POLICE DIVISION 10
SPECIAL
DETECT: ENEMY SHOWS CARDS IN HAND. [COST 1$ AP]
BACKUP: REPLACE ONE CARD CURRENTLY IN PLAY. [COST 8 AP]


THERMIDOR
SPECIAL POLICE DIVISION 10
SPECIAL
NET/HACK: USE 5 AP TO UNCOVER ONE ENEMY CARD
PARTNER: IF SOLANO IS IN PLAY, USE 10 AP TO COMBINE ATK

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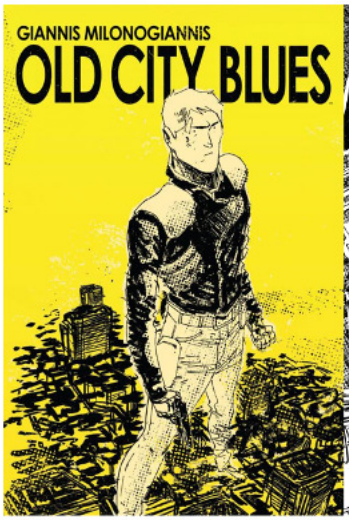
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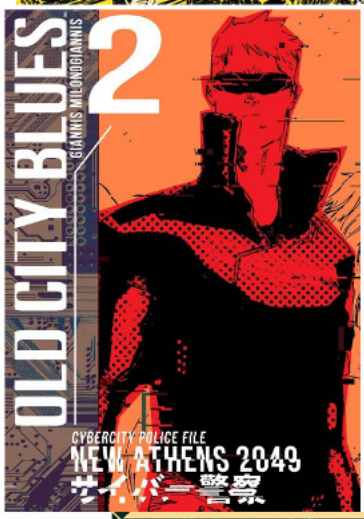
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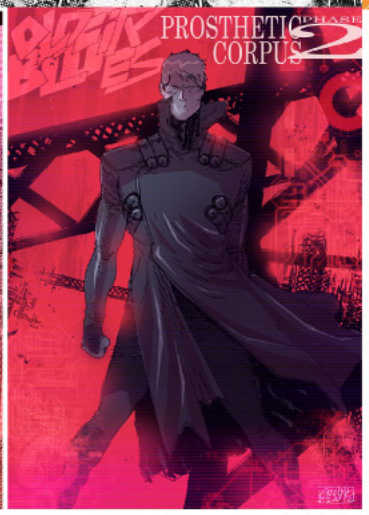
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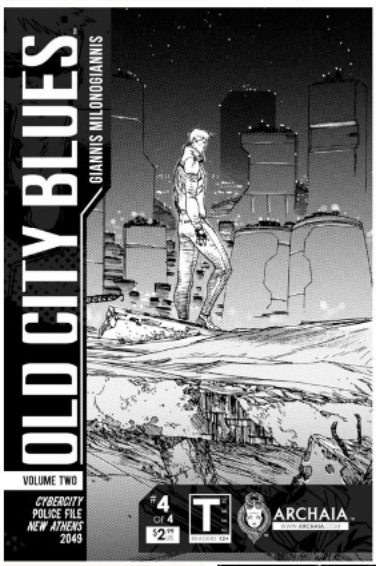
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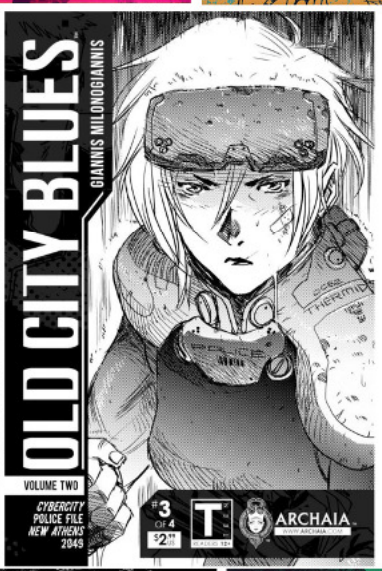
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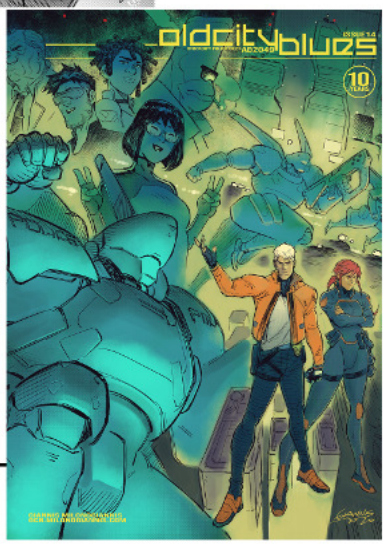
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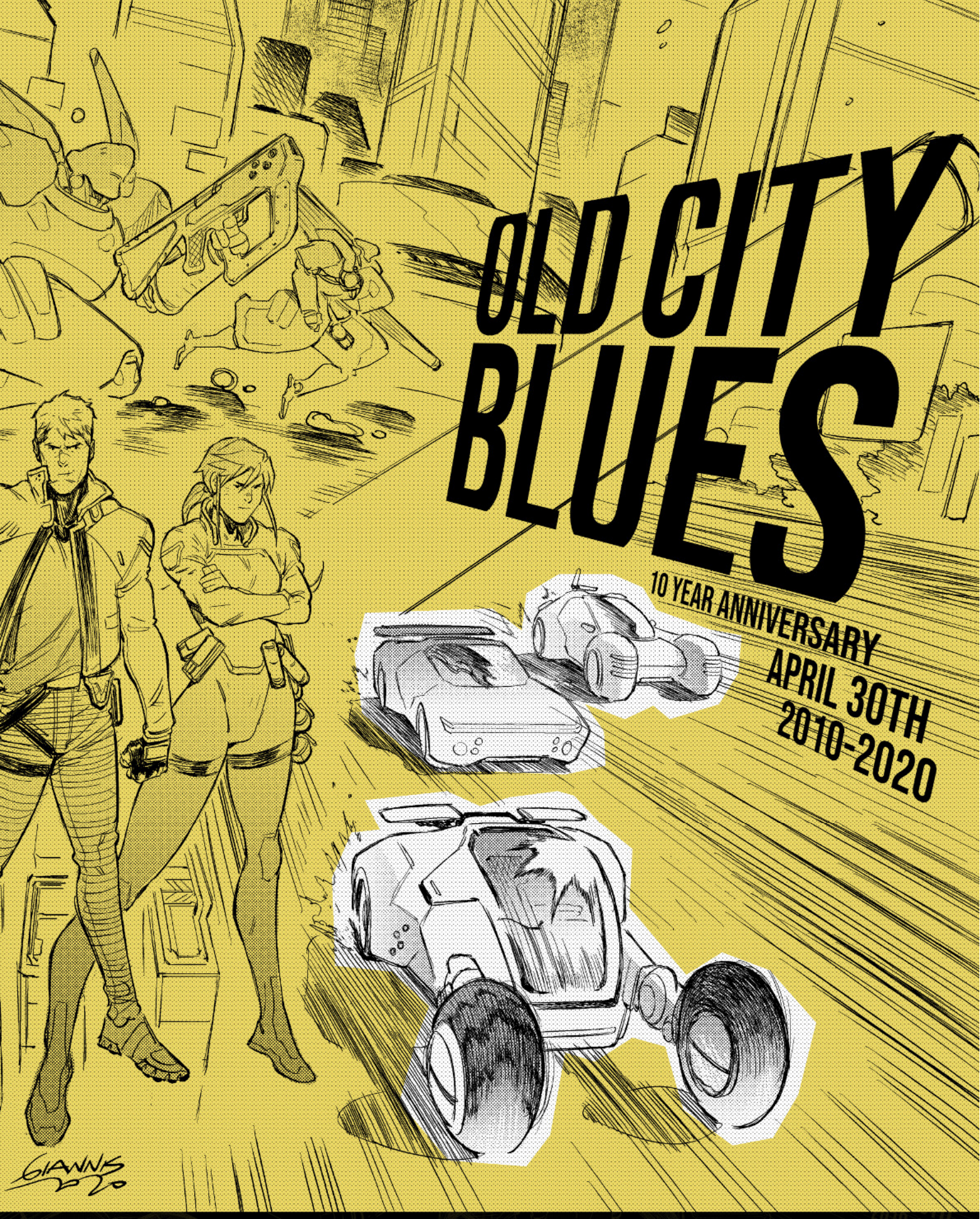
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